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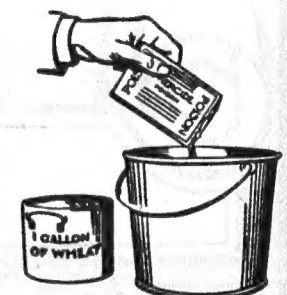
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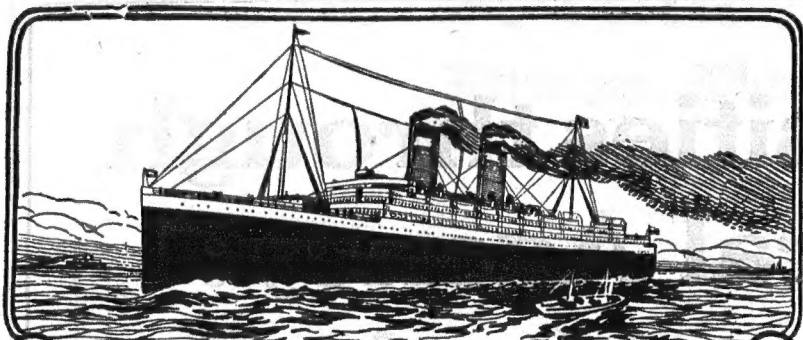
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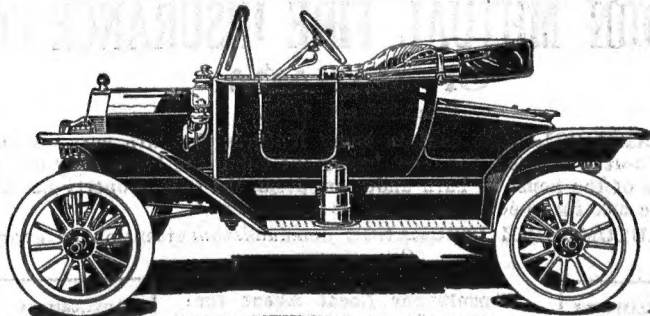
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Our Ottawa Letter

Graham Defends N.T.R. Commission in Seven-Hour Speech—Implement Men Quit Liberal Party

(By The Guide Special Correspondent)

Ottawa, March 27.—This week in Parliament has been given over largely to a debate of the alleged scandal in connection with the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway by the late government. The discussion was commenced on Tuesday and will be continued well into next week. Announcement was made at the beginning of the week that the budget speech would be made on Monday next by Hon. W. T. White, but, owing to the prolongation of this debate, Mr. White's statement has been put over until Monday, April 6.

The N.T.R. debate has developed a curious situation. The discussion is based upon a motion by Hon. George P. Graham, ex-minister of railways. This is a motion of censure charging that the Staunton-Gutelius report is a wilfully partisan document, for which the government deserves the censure of the House. Insofar as a defence of the Commission and its findings is concerned the government is on the defensive. On the other hand in regard to the charge that there was much extravagance in connection with the construction of the road the opposition is doing the defensive work.

Several unusually long speeches have been made on the N.T.R. report, including an effort of over seven hours by Hon. George P. Graham, and a reply by Hon. Arthur Meighen of about three and a half hours' duration. It is, as a consequence, practically impossible to summarize the arguments on either side. It would appear from the standpoint of the government that the best point made by the commissioners against the Liberals was in connection with the contract let to M. P. and J. T. Davis, on which they made a profit of \$740,000 without doing any of the work themselves. It would seem that after the full statements which have been made on both sides of the House that the old commissioners would have been better advised had they cancelled this contract when it was not proceeded with at once and also if they had not, as shown by the solicitor general, relieved the contractors of the liability clause which made them liable for a fine of \$5,000 per month for failure to live up to the terms of their undertaking.

The chief weakness of the situation for the government, undoubtedly lies in the circumstance that the report made by Messrs. Staunton and Gutelius was in some respects a palpably partisan document. The commissioners failed to conceal their determination to make capital against the late government and the Grand Trunk Pacific. This, of course, was a very foolish thing for them to do, because it has created the opinion that the commissioners, and perhaps the government, was actuated by a desire to harm this great national undertaking. Another apparent weakness has been the failure of the commissioners, or the ministerial speakers, to place their fingers upon one specific case of graft in connection with the paying out of the \$140,000,000 which was expended by the commission named by the late government to construct the road. For months previous to the production of the report of the investigating commission statements were made broadcast that startling revelations were to be expected. It follows naturally that, no charge of graft being made and the criticism being confined to charges of mismanagement and extravagance, there is disappointment in government circles which is freely expressed by the members in private conversation.

Mr. Graham, in concluding his long speech, said he had tried to show that the gentlemen who composed the investigating commission had their views fixed long before they were put on the commission. He claimed to have shown that one of the commissioners was an enemy of the policy, and the other an enemy of the project. "I have tried to show," he continued, "that the government of Canada will not act on the find-

ings of this commission, because every day of its life the government is violating the chief findings of the commission."

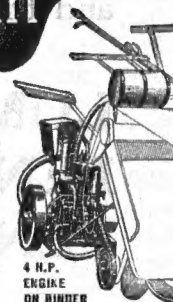
Mr. Graham went on to say that as a result of the changes in the grades Canadian ports would suffer. He had endeavored to warn the government

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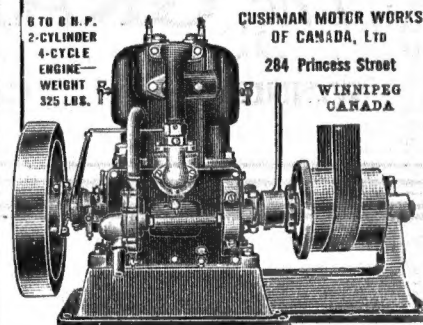
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The Grain Growers' Guide

Winnipeg, Wednesday April 1st, 1914

IMPLEMENTS AND THE TARIFF

We have had many inquiries recently for comparisons of prices of agricultural implements in Winnipeg and Minneapolis. On this account we have prepared a comparison of 1914 prices. The Winnipeg prices are from the printed Winnipeg retail price list of the Massey-Harris Company Limited, and the Minneapolis prices are quoted by the largest retail dealer in that city. Both prices are spot cash:—

GRAIN BINDERS		Winnipeg	Minneapolis
6 ft. cut with sheaf carrier, 3 horse hitch		\$144.00	\$125.00
6 ft. cut with sheaf carrier, forecarriage, 4 horse hitch		157.00	137.00
7 ft. cut with sheaf carrier, forecarriage, 4 horse hitch		159.00	140.00
8 ft. cut with sheaf carrier, forecarriage, 4 horse hitch		164.00	150.00
Forecarriage with 4 horse attachment, less		20.50	18.00
Sheaf carrier for corn binder		15.50	13.50
Transport truck, short axle		10.00	5.00
Flax attachment		10.00	7.00
		9.50	7.00
CORN BINDER			
Corn binder, 3 horse hitch, less sheaf carrier		157.00	120.00
Sheaf carrier, with corn binder		10.00	5.00
REAPER			
Reaper, 5 1/2 ft. cut, 2 horse, for flax cutting		92.50	72.00
MOWER			
14 section, 1 horse, with shafts		49.00	41.00
18 " "		53.00	45.00
20 " "		54.00	45.00
20 " "		59.00	47.00
24 " "		61.00	50.00
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Hay tedder, 2 horse, less trees and yoke		50.50	38.00
Side rake and tedder, with 2 horse trees and yoke		66.00	57.50
Hay loader, with forecarriage		75.00	63.00
HAY RAKES—DUMP (All Steel)			
24 tooth, 8 ft. 1 horse		31.00	28.00
30 " 10 " 2 " trees with yoke		34.00	24.00
36 " 12 " 2 " "		38.50	28.00
MANURE SPREADERS			
3 horse, capacity 50 bushels		147.00	115.00
4 " " "		157.00	120.00
DRILLS			
(All without Seed Attachments)			
Single Disc Drills			
14 disc, 1 pole, 2 horse hitch		94.00	72.00
16 " " 2 " 3 " "		107.50	80.00
20 " " 2 " 4 " "		135.50	98.00
22 " " 2 " 4 " "		135.50	106.00
24 " " 2 " 4 " "		145.50	115.00
Double Disc Drills			
14 disc, 1 pole, 2 horse hitch		107.00	76.00
16 " " 2 " 3 " "		120.00	82.00
20 " " 2 " 4 " "		141.00	107.00
22 " " 2 " 4 " "		151.00	115.00
24 " " 2 " 4 " "		161.00	125.00
Shoe Drills			
14 shoe, 1 pole, 2 horse hitch		80.00	69.00
16 " " 2 " 3 " "		92.50	78.00
20 " " 2 " 4 " "		110.50	95.00
22 " " 2 " 4 " "		120.50	101.00
24 " " 2 " 4 " "		130.50	112.00
GRASS SEED ATTACHMENTS FOR DRILLS			
For 14 run drill		10.00	6.50
" 16 " "		11.00	7.00
" 20 " "		13.00	8.00
" 22 " "		14.50	8.50
" 24 " "		16.00	9.00
CULTIVATORS			
Corn cultivator, 2 rows		58.00	50.00
DISC HARROW			
(Out-throw. All without weight boxes.)			
12 discs, 16 in. dia., 3 horse hitch		\$35.00	\$21.00
14 " " 4 " " "		38.00	23.00
16 " " 4 " " "		41.00	25.00
Forecarriage for disc harrow		8.25	5.00
PLOW			
Gang, 12 in., 3 or 4 horse trees		80.50	62.00
" 14 " " "		82.50	63.00
Breaker bottom for above gangs with extra shares		26.00	21.00
Sulky, 14 in., with 3 horse trees		51.00	42.00
Breaker bottom, 14 in., with extra shares for sulky		15.00	11.00
Sulky, 16 in., with 3 horse trees		52.00	43.00
Breaker bottom, 16 in. wide, with extra shares for sulky		16.00	11.50
12 in. Cross plow, steel beam, long board, no coulter or extra shares		17.00	13.00
14 in. Cross plow, steel beam, long or short board, no coulter or extra shares		18.50	14.00
16 in. Cross plow, steel beam, long or short board, no coulter or extra shares		20.50	16.00
18 in. Cross plow, steel beam, long or short board, no coulter or extra shares		22.50	17.50
Light brush breaker, 14 in., imp. brush coulter, no extra shares, soft centre board		25.00	19.00
Heavy brush breaker, 14 in., imp. brush coulter, no extra shares, soft centre board		27.50	22.00
SCUFFLERS			
Horse hoe and cultivator		9.75	7.25
WAGONS—(Complete)			
3 1/2 in. arm, 2 1/2 x 7-16 in. tire, with 10 ft. box, 26 in., plain		86.00	72.50
3 1/2 in. arm, 2 1/2 x 7-16 in. tire, complete Standard wagon or farm truck, new pattern box		92.00	75.00
3 1/2 in. arm, 3 x 7-16 in. tire, complete Standard wagon or farm truck, new pattern box		95.00	77.00
1-horse wagon, with double box, seat and shafts		73.00	47.00
1-horse wagon, with double box, seat, pole, trees and yoke		76.00	49.00

With all the many benefits that have been bestowed on Canadian implement manufacturers, they certainly should sell their implements in Winnipeg as low as they are sold in Minneapolis. The Wilson tariff, of last October, opens the American market to every Canadian implement manufacturer, and they will build up a good trade in that country in free competition with the largest manufacturers in the world. The Massey-Harris Company have factories on both sides of the line. In the United States they sell at free trade prices, and in Canada at protected prices. There is every reason why the duty on farm implements should be abolished for the benefit of the Canadian farmers.

IS THE REFERENDUM UNBRITISH?

Sir Rodmond Roblin, premier of Manitoba, in a speech in the provincial legislature a year ago, condemned the Referendum as unwarranted, un-British and socialistic. We believe, however, that even he will recognize the importance of the opinion of Andrew Bonar Law, the Canadian-born leader of the Unionist party in the British House of Commons. On Thursday, March 19, Mr. Bonar Law, in offering amendments to the Irish Home Rule Bill, said:

"If the prime minister submits his new suggestions to the country by referendum and the country decides in favor of them, I have the authority of Lord Lansdowne to say that so far as his influence in the House of Lords goes that body will offer no impediment to the carrying completely, without alteration and without delay, the decision and will of the people of this country."

The leader of the Unionist party would be the last man in the world to advocate or countenance anything that was un-British or socialistic. The Unionists are the very embodiment of respect for the British Constitution and of opposition to radicalism and socialism. Nevertheless they recognize that the people have a right to be directly consulted on important questions of public policy, and that the best way to settle the vexed question of Home Rule for Ireland is to hold a referendum. If the Conservatives and Unionists in the old land see nothing un-British or otherwise dangerous in the Referendum, neither Conservatives nor Liberals in Canada need be alarmed on that score. Sir Rodmond Roblin, however, is not the only western premier who needs reassuring as to the safety and wisdom of permitting the people to have a direct voice in the discussion of important issues. The Alberta legislature, more than a year ago, passed a so-called Direct Legislation Act, but clauses were inserted in it which made it useless and inoperative. The Saskatchewan government also adopted the principle of Direct Legislation but submitted the question to a popular vote at a time and under conditions which made it impossible for the proposed law to become effective, altho more than five-sixths of the votes cast were in favor of it. Any government that is honestly trying to serve the interests of the people it represents should be willing to permit the people to vote upon and to approve or reject the legislation which it passes or declines to pass. The difference between Premier Roblin and Premiers Scott and Sifton is that while the Premier of Manitoba frankly declares his opposition to Direct Legislation and refuses to pass a bill, the Premiers of Saskatchewan and Alberta have both declared in favor of it and have passed legislation which defeats the principle which they profess to believe in.

IS THE GUIDE WORTH WHILE?

There is no doubt but that this is a debatable question—according to the quarter to which it is addressed. The Guide was established to do a certain work which was not being done by any other journal. That work was to assist the organized farmers to bring about better marketing conditions and to correct many of the unjust economic conditions, which bear very heavily upon the agricultural industry, and which are entirely due to unfair and unjust laws passed for the benefit of a privileged few. For nearly six years The Guide has endeavored to fulfil this function honestly and, we think, courageously. No other farm journal ever attempted to carry on such work in behalf of the farmers, and no other journal could do so unless backed by enormous capital. The cost of the campaign waged by The Guide has been great, but by having their own paper to back them at all times the organized farmers have revolutionized the grain trade and are revolutionizing the entire business system in this country. Financed entirely by the farmers, The Guide has not been beholden to any corporation nor political parties. The result has been that The Guide has published facts and figures that other farm journals, dependent entirely upon advertising revenue, could not afford to publish. The result of the whole work is that the farmers' organization is now a power in the land, and commands the respectful attention of every interest, whether political, commercial or financial. Is the power and work of the organized farmers to continue? If so, The Guide must carry on its work. If The Guide is crippled or handicapped, the work of the whole organization is bound to suffer. Is The Guide, then, worth while? If our readers believe so, then there are two ways in which they can help to make The Guide more effective. One is by doing their buying only from those who advertise in The Guide, and the other is by paying their subscriptions promptly and helping us to get new subscribers. At this season of the year we always have a large number of subscriptions expiring. Every reader can tell by looking at the label on his paper when his subscription expires. The best thing you can do to help The Guide just now is to look at your label as soon as you read this, and if you are in arrears, sit down at once and write a letter, enclosing your renewal for one year for \$1.00 or three years for \$2.00, and mail it the first time you go to the post-office. Delay costs us money. Do it now.

DISCUSSION WOULD HELP

Just at present the farm implement companies are being subjected to very severe criticism because of the method some of them adopt in collecting their accounts. This is one of the big questions in this country. The implement companies have a very large amount of money invested in their business, and have extended almost unlimited credit to the farmers. Some of their contracts are such as to place the farmer in a very awkward position. The unrest on the part of the farmers is increasing every day, and is bound to result in stringent legislation. We believe that it would be to the advantage of both the farmers and the implement companies if the leaders of both organizations were to meet in conference, and endeavor to arrive at a reasonable adjustment of the questions at issue. There are undoubtedly faults on both sides. The implement companies that are endeavoring to do business on reasonable terms should not endeavor to protect those who are undoubtedly imposing upon the

farmers. Neither should the farmers' organization endeavor to protect those farmers who deliberately attempt to evade their just payments to the implement companies. But there is a happy medium which might be arrived at if both parties got together for that purpose.

THE IMMIGRANT'S AWAKENING

Ten years ago in Holland a restaurant owner read in his local paper an advertisement of the possibilities of making money by farming in Western Canada. He had served ten years in the army, had kept a restaurant for two years, and by careful living had accumulated \$2,000. He came to Canada along with fifty-seven of his fellow countrymen, all anxious to improve their condition and build for themselves happy and prosperous homes in this country. For two years he engaged in market gardening near Winnipeg with fair success, but the hunger for land drew him still westward and he located on a homestead in Saskatchewan, forty miles from the railroad. Hard work and frugality saw his possessions slowly and steadily increase until he had fair prospects of making a good home for himself and his wife and his family of children. Then came trouble in the guise of an agent for farm machinery. Many times in the first few years of his homestead life travelling agents had enjoyed, without payment and without price, the generous hospitality of his home. Three years ago he secured the patent for his homestead and was getting along very well, had had a splendid crop of grain, and his yellow field waving in the sunlight was good to behold. The ever-present machine agent had frequently suggested that he should have a threshing outfit, but he always turned a deaf ear to the siren. On this occasion, however, there was a scarcity of threshing outfits to handle the crop. The agent, with his soft voice, his agreeable personality and most accommodating manner showed the Hollander how easy it would be for him to buy the threshing outfit and pay for it by getting his crop threshed early. Other plausible reasons were also advanced. He assured the homesteader that he could purchase the outfit without giving security on his farm, and painted such a rosy picture that at last the homesteader fell, and a \$5,000 threshing outfit was delivered to him. A contract was produced, consisting of a very lengthy document of ingenious legal phraseology and of exceedingly fine print. To the poor Hollander this document was like so much Greek; it had to him absolutely no meaning. The pleasant voiced agent explained that the contract was a mere form, that everybody signed it, and of course it did not mean anything in particular. The contract was signed and the agent departed. The outfit refused to work and a machine expert was called in. After a careful examination he declared that there was something radically wrong with the outfit and that he could not make it work; he went away to get new parts for the outfit to make it workable, but did not return. Shortly after the collector came around for the money. The Hollander explained the circumstances and told what the salesman had promised him, and also of the visit of the expert. The collector explained that he had nothing to do with that. His business was to collect the money and he was going to do it. In the meantime the threshing outfit was lying idle on the immigrant's homestead. Knowing nothing of the law, he had a very clear conception as to justice and equity. He was willing to pay for the outfit if it could be made to work; but he thought he ought not to pay for it if the company refused to make it work. He was summoned to court and engaged a local lawyer to defend him. The judge stated that there was no doubt the Hollander had been goldbricked,

but there was no remedy, as he had signed the contract, which allowed him only three days to make his complaint and refuse to accept the threshing outfit. The judge also told him that if he had been living in Alberta, where a new law is in force, the company would be held responsible for the statements of their salesman, and he would be protected, but in Saskatchewan he must abide by the contract, and judgment was therefore given against him, with all the costs of the court thereto.

The lawyer who was conducting the homesteader's case told him how to escape execution of the judgment by turning all the property over to his wife, and prepared the papers for him after judgment had been given against him. The lawyer should have known that such an action was fraudulent, and that such a transfer of property to his wife would be set aside by any court in the land. The Hollander knew not our laws and depended upon his lawyer. But even his lawyer only put him deeper into the mire. The Machine Company, of course, knew that the transfer of his property to his wife was not valid and proceeded with the case, which could have only one ending, that the farmer lost. During all this time thru the sun's heat and the winter's frost of three years the threshing outfit had been lying idle, while the Hollander waited for justice. Now he is forced to accept the company's terms, which are \$4,000 cash and the return of the outfit. The immigrant has learned his lesson, and it has cost him \$4,000. Many other farmers in this country have learned the same lesson in the same expensive way. They who have had this experience will not sign any more contracts that they do not understand, but those who have not been bitten will keep on signing these contracts and will reap the whirlwind which too often follows in their wake. Some day in Saskatchewan there will be a law which will force the machine companies to live up to the representations of their agents; some day there will be an effort made to protect the immigrants, who come to this country at our own urgent invitation, and who know not our language nor our laws; some day when our politicians realize the value of prosperous and happy farm homes the unjust burden will be lifted from the shoulders of those who are making our country.

LIBERAL GRAFT EXPOSED

Following upon the National Transcontinental disclosures comes the report of scandalous graft on the part of the employees of the late Dominion Government on the Trent Valley Canal. Tho the amount of money involved is not nearly so large, this case is in many ways worse than the other, for dozens of people, men and women, bankers, lawyers, dentists, doctors, undertakers, barbers, merchants and newspaper men were involved, and were demoralized and degraded by being made the tools of dishonest Government employees and politicians. The fact that some of the loot went into the Liberal campaign fund is also established by the report of the investigation presented to Parliament by J. H. Ferguson, M.P.P. for Grenville, Ont., and altogether there is disclosed about as bad a case of graft and fraud as can be imagined. The method of the grafters was to purchase goods or have work done which had no relation to the operation of the canal, and then instead of paying for it out of their own pockets, to put someone on the canal payroll and pay them wages out of the public funds until their bill was settled. The chief officials concerned are J. H. McClellan, canal superintendent; A. J. Grant, superintending engineer, and George A. Mothersill, auditing engineer at Ottawa. McClellan, however, seems to have been the chief culprit, and of him Mr. Ferguson says—

"He has not only practiced deception and

dishonesty himself, but has condoned it and winked at it in others."

Mr. McClellan, however, did not keep everything to himself. He was always ready to lend the Government boat, the "Bessie Butler," to his friends, and the refreshments which his guests consumed were paid for by putting the liquor dealers, the grocers, and the cooks on the payroll as laborers. The telephone company's agent was put on as a laborer to pay for the telephone in Mr. McClellan's house, and jewelers, furniture dealers, druggists and confectioners who supplied goods to his household were paid in the same way. Transportation for McClellan's friends when they went on their holidays was paid for by putting the name of the G.T.R. agents on the payroll as carpenters. The manager of the Royal Bank, at Peterboro, figured on the payroll as a laborer, but just what kind of labor he did on the canal is not stated. J. R. Stratton, the former Liberal member for West Peterboro, is directly implicated in the affair by McClellan, who states that Mr. Stratton told him there should be an election fund of from \$5,000 to \$7,000 a year from the Canal office. He proceeded on that basis, and altho the accounts were in a chaotic condition, Mr. Ferguson was able to trace about \$2,000 that went into the campaign fund instead of into the public treasury. Mr. Stratton unfortunately is ill and has not been able to make any explanations, and judgment on his conduct must be suspended until he has been heard from. McClellan, however, has admitted his guilt, and the investigation has certainly revealed a very rotten state of affairs, for which the late Liberal Government must be held responsible. If members of the Government knew what was going on, no condemnation is too strong for them. On the other hand, if the Minister of the Department did not know, it shows that there was something radically wrong with the system amounting to almost criminal negligence. If the Liberals had remained in office instead of being defeated in 1911, all this graft would probably never have been uncovered and would have still been in progress, and that condition of affairs probably had something to do with the fact that Peterboro assisted in the downfall of the Laurier Government by defeating J. R. Stratton and electing J. H. Burnham in his place. All these serious charges by Mr. Ferguson will, of course, be threshed out in Parliament.

We publish in this issue the last of the four articles on "The Kingdom of Canada," by John S. Ewart. We will be glad to have letters containing questions for Mr. Ewart to answer, or dispassionate criticism of the views he advances. We will then either publish these letters or place them before Mr. Ewart and ask him to write another article answering the questions and replying to the criticisms. Canadian clubs all over Canada are generally seeking Mr. Ewart's views, and we consider ourselves fortunate in being able to place them before our readers direct from Mr. Ewart himself. Whether or not we agree with his findings, it must be admitted that he has unearthed a lot of very valuable information that is worthy of careful consideration by everyone in Canada.

We are getting more letters for publication than we could possibly use even if The Guide were five times its present size. Nearly all of these letters are quite suitable for publication, but lack of space prevents it. We cannot write individual letters to each correspondent explaining why his letter is not published, as it would require most of the editor's time to do so. We can only exercise our best judgment as to what letters to publish out of the large number received. In case postage is enclosed, we will return letters that are not used. This will explain to every correspondent the exact situation and save a personal letter.

You Never Can Tell

By CLARENCE BUDINGTON KELLAND

Author of "The Intention of the Testator," "Eros and the Ear Trumpet," Etc.

After a lifetime spent in the labors of the farm, Grandpa Papkin appeared older than his sixty-five years. He had arrived at the odd-job stage of life; smoked much in shady corners; was beloved by dogs and cats, and dominated by his son James, with whom he lived.

With old Aunt Purvis, who lived in the square white house on the corner, he was great cronies. Sometimes this intimacy troubled grandpa's children no less than it did aunt's.

"S'pose them old folks was to take it into their heads to marry!" James Papkin said with a frown. "Wish we could do somethin' to discourage father from goin' there so much."

"Guess we could stop it, if worse came to worst," Martha replied confidently. "What would they live on, anyway?"

"Father's got close onto a thousand dollars saved up into the bank."

Mrs. Papkin peered out thru the doorway, wiping her hands on her apron the while.

"I declare," she said, "there goes a slick-lookin' feller drivin' by. Looks like one of them pictures into the magazines. Wonder where he comes from, and what he's a doin' here!"

James stretched his neck to get a better view.

"Looks to me like one of them sharpers or somethin'. I got my s'picious of fellers that dresses like that. A body that's so fixed up on the outside must do it cause he's lackin' within. Where'd father go to?"

"I declare"—with a glance at the clock—"if he hain't been gone more'n two hours! He went off down-town to git me a spool of sixty white and two pounds of sugar. Bet he's stopped to Purvis's—right in the middle of the day, too!"

James washed noisily in the tin basin outside the door, blowing and gurgling into the suds that he rubbed on his face, as if it were a most unpleasant function—which it no doubt was. Standing erect, he delved carefully into one ear after the last remnant of moisture, blinking down the road as he did so.

"Here he comes—just turnin' out o' Purvis's yard. Wouldn't say nothin' to him, if I was you, Marthy."

Shortly grandpa's bent shoulders were bobbing above the pickets of the fence. He reached over the gate for the latch, and came slowly up the sun-softened tar sidewalk.

"Should think you'd know better'n to be gallivantin' around in the sun sich a day as this," began Martha.

"That's so, that's so," agreed the old man. "And say, Marthy, I clean, plumb forgot that there thread and sugar—clean, plumb forgot 'em."

"Well, I never, Grandpa Papkin! What ever have you been doin' these two hours?"

"Had a leetle business with a feller down-town; and then I stopped a bit to Mary Purvis's on the way back. Mighty hot, ain't it?"

Thru the door grandpa could see Martha scurrying between the steaming hotness of the kitchen and the red-clothed table in the dining-room, carrying in the dishes of the midday meal. With one hand pressed to the rheumatic spot in his back, and the other braced against the step, he arose slowly and ambled to his place.

During the process of dining there was little conversation. The only sound was the stirring of spoon in cup, the clatter of knife and fork, and the occasional request to pass this or that which was quite beyond reach. While the pie was being brought, however, there was a brief interval, of which James Papkin made use to observe:

"You been spendin' quite a sight of time to the Purvis's lately, father."

The old man looked at his son, startled, then down at the table-cloth again.

"Yes," he admitted, "Mary Purvis an me takes a lot of pleasure in each other's company. Old folks feels a sort of drawin' together, I guess, Jimmy—a sort of drawin' together, like as if they have somethin' in common."

"If you was a young feller, now," James said jocularly, "folks would be sayin' you was sparkin' Mis' Purvis."

"Yes," interjected Martha, "and I

wouldn't be s'prised a mite if they was sayin' so anyhow!"

Grandpa appeared uncomfortable and sought to change the subject.

"Calc'late I'll potter round in the garden this afternoon," he observed.

"I calc'late you won't do no sich thing—not in this beatin' sun. You set right into the shade till four o'clock, anyway."

"Now, Marthy," expostulated grandpa, "don't you guess I'm old enough to look out for myself?"

"You ain't so young as you once was," she said shortly; "and you'd be overdoin', and gittin' a stroke or somethin', if I wasn't always at you."

II

An hour later Martha put her head out of the door to summon grandpa to some trifling service, but he was not to be seen.

"Huh!" she sniffed. "Over to Purvis's agin, I'll bet a cent!"

And so it was. Grandpa Papkin and Aunt Purvis occupied the shady porch of the big white house. The old lady was knitting with subconscious art, her eyes and her thoughts far from the black stocking in her lap. Grandpa was smoking



DONALD HUGH, CECIL ROY AND JOHN GRANT
Triplet sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McMillan, Parry, Sask.

placidly, his back against a pillar, and a yellow cat purring on his knees.

"Mary," the old man was saying, "folks is beginnin' to suspect I'm courtin' you."

Aunt Mary Purvis was a tiny, pert old lady, with keen black eyes that snapped with quick anger or twinkled with deep humor.

"We-el, you be, ain't you?" she drawled, and the twinkle was not hidden by the iron rims of her spectacles.

"Reckon I be." He paused and stroked the cat, which purred loudly in approval and gratitude. "I don't see why old folks ain't as much entitled to do what they like as young folks be."

"I opine it's because they ain't got no sperret left to stand up for themselves and fight their own battles. When your hair gits white, it seems as if your courage sort o' oozes out."

"I'm goin' to speak right out about it perty soon," declared grandpa. "I'm goin' to tell Jim and Marthy that you and me is goin' to marry; and then"—he smote his knee so vehemently that the yellow cat jumped with fright and arched its back—"and then, by gum, we'll do it!"

"They won't never let us."

"We'll elope!" said grandpa.

He was awed at the boldness of his own proposal. Aunt Purvis, however, had an eye for practical things.

"What would we live on, I'd like to know? You ain't able to work stiddy, and if we was to go elopin', and git our folks mad, where'd we be?"

"I got more'n a thousand dollars saved up into the bank."

"Drawin' 'most a dollar a week in'trest," said Aunt Purvis dryly.

"We could live up the princ'pal."

This impious utterance made them look at each other and gasp. It was not to be thought of.

"There must be some way," urged grandpa.

"When you diskiver it, you come 'round

and tell me," said aunt, "and we'll go keepin' house right sudden."

Grandpa shook his head dolefully, and got painfully to his feet.

"Reckon I'll git along down to the post-office. Maybe somebody's left me a fortin. G'by, Mary!"

He walked off townward with an assumption of spryness that cost him a twinge at every step.

III

The teakettle was singing over the wood fire in the Purvis kitchen when grandpa turned again thru the whitewashed gate toward the porch where aunt sat, still knitting. This time there was a real spring in his step. He chewed exultantly on a straw, and his eyes, not yet dulled by years, twinkled and glowed with excitement. Panting, he sank on the top step, and the cat had time to install itself on his knee before he found breath to speak.

"Mary," he puffed, "we're a goin' to make it! You and me kin git married and nobody to say a word—nobody. I've found a way."

"Ben Papkin!" exclaimed aunt.

"I've done so," grandpa exulted. "It's

"I'd 'a' liked to have been able to do it for her," he says."

Aunt's eyes were moist.

"I guess you dast trust him all right, if he talks like that there." She nodded several times, pondering the matter. "You know I got a leetle money myself—three hundred dollars, to bury me with. If your money'll keep us good, yours and mine together'll keep us better. To-morrow I'll git it out o' the bank, and we'll invest the whole thing."

Grandpa beamed more delightedly than ever.

"We'll do it, Mary, we'll do it. He says it'll be six months before we git any divy-dends; but we ain't so old we can't wait. Six months! And won't our children be s'prised—won't they jist!"

IV

At supper that night grandpa's son and daughter-in-law were again discussing the young man who had driven past the house in the morning—the one who was arrayed so modishly as to raise their mistrust.

"I seen him settin' on the hotel steps," announced James, "dressed fit to kill. Marthy, I bet he had them clothes made special for himself. And what d'ye s'pose he had stickin' into his tie?—A di'mond bigger'n a shelled pea! And yaller shoes that come no higher'n his ankles; and sich socks! Marthy, them socks would 'a' stamped him a sharper, if nothin' else had. They was silk, and gray. B'lieve me or not, but I seen 'em close!"

"I wonder the town marshal don't put him into the lockup! Be you sure them clothes was made special for him?"

Here grandpa entered the conversation.

"Them clothes was made special for him, by a tailor; and they cost sixty-five dollars. And that ain't all—his shirts was made special, and they cost four fifty a shirt; and he laid out twenty-five dollars in that there wiggly straw hat."

"How come you to know so much about him?"

"Oh, him and me is friends. He's into the auty-mobile business—makes scads of money."

"That's what he says," interjected Martha. "Jim, you see the doors is locked tight to-night and the winders fastened!"

V

In due course a beautifully engraved stock certificate arrived. Grandpa exhibited it to aunt surreptitiously, with the pride of possession.

"We're stockholders, Mary! I reckon there ain't more'n half a dozen of 'em in this here town. I guess this makes real folks of us, eh?"

Aunt held it in her hands to get the feel of the thing, and experienced all the sensations of the capitalist.

"I wonder how much it'll pay us," she mused.

"Enough—maybe five hundred dollars a year. The young feller said so."

"We kin live fine on that—fine!"

So passed the days; and each one was checked off on the calendar with business-like care, for its fitting brought nearer the dawn of happiness and independence for the old couple.

Finger-marks appeared on the certificate; it showed the soil of frequent handling. Indeed, grandpa's gnarled fingers were touching it more often than not, and aunt held it in her lap under her knitting for hours at a stretch. It was their talisman; for them it spelled a second youth; a freedom from daily supervision; a home of their own—and, besides, some little honor and credit and standing in the community, for the capitalist is a man apart in the village. Other men work for their money—his money works for him.

Frequently Martha and James alluded to grandpa's sharper friend, and read to him from the city newspaper descriptions of slick young fellows who, by wiles and stratagems, mulcted the credulous of their savings. All wore tailored suits, diamonds abounded in the fellowship, and silk socks were not unknown; but grandpa never wavered.

When five months were gone, signs of impatience manifested themselves in Grandpa Papkin. It was hard to wait. "It's only a month now, Mary," he de-

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The Baby's First Dressing

His Own Account of it given in The Housewife

The first thing I ever saw in this world was a pair of glasses, or specs, as some folks call them. At the time I did not know what they were, dear me, no! I was very dull at that time, I do not think I knew anything. But I know all about it now. I, the boy who is about to tell you his story, have learned many things in the four long years since the Stork brought me. I know that I was sitting in the lap of a nice old lady, they called her grandma, and was looking up into some shiny things that almost blinded me. The next thing I remember was that I was very cold, no wonder. I was, of course, naked and had not been long enough in

would understand that and not call it crossness. I have often thought, since that first occasion, that if nurses only realized how they hurt us little new babies they would be more gentle. Besides, there is something due to our natural dignity as future citizens of a great country, and to certain feelings of modesty with which we have been born possessed.

Let me tell you, dear nurse and doctors and mothers, my idea of the first bath. Wrap your baby warmly from the first in a soft smooth blanket, and do not let the light of lamp or gas, or the glare from a fire reach the sensitive eyes. I know a baby who was

AT LAST THE MOTHERS' NUMBER

There are so many who have valuable practical experience and who are very willing to lend it to us for the Mothers' Number that I feel it would be wasteful of me to take up space in this issue with a lengthy editorial.

Few things in my editorial experience have given me the pleasure that I have had in the baby picture contest. Every morning I would guess, at the breakfast table, how many babies there would be in the mail. Sometimes there would be only six or eight. One day there were eighty.

As I happen to have a very soft spot in my heart for bairns it was great fun to unwrap one after another of the bonny wee 'uns. But dearly as I love them, I was loth to take the responsibility of deciding which five, of the more than two hundred pictures were the cutest and fairest of them all. So two outside judges were called in, Dr. Mary E. Crawford, who has very definite ideas as to what constitutes physical perfection, and Miss Florence Steiner, a journalist, who knows the value of a photograph for printing purposes. These two ladies, both of them great baby lovers, selected and eliminated until they came to the five prize babies and then an artist, who knows to a shade, how a picture will come out in print, was called in to select and group those the judges had considered.

So, if the decision or selection does not meet with your approval please exonerate the editors of The Guide from blame. I hope that everyone will realize that since our object was to decorate the pages of the Mothers' Number, it was necessary to exclude all photographs that would not make up into clear cuts so that very many lovable little people in admirable poses were thereby eliminated.

So, without further introduction, we dedicate this special number, trimmed up with very bonny babies, to all the mothers of the prairie in the hope that it will solve some of their difficulties.

FRANCIS MARION BEYNON.



JAMES GARFIELD AND WILLIAM WHITFIELD PEACEY
Twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Peacey, Princeton, Sask.

the world to get used to the climate. Dear me! How badly I felt when the old lady began to rub me from head to foot with some nasty smelling stuff that I afterwards found out was called hog's lard, and that it was stewed out of the fat of the dirtiest animal in creation. After I was greased she covered me with a thick smother of soap. She rubbed this into my skin in a very unfeeling manner without regard to eyes, ears or nose. It hurt me. I was then rinsed with water. I did not enjoy my first bath.

How my skin did smart as the energetic nurse dug out the corners of my eyes, and gouged into the crevices of my delicate ears, and filled my sensitive nostrils with soap and water! I think I was rather mad at the liberties she took with my person, and before long the cold and the rubbing were too much for me and I just roared. I never cry unless something hurts me; I do not think any baby does. I wish mothers

made blind because, just after it was born, the nurse held it to the gas light to see how bright its eyes were.

Be sure that the room is real warm and be gentle with the baby. Do not rub it with the unclean and salty hog lard. Half the skin diseases we babies suffer from come from that first greasing with lard and salt. No, take olive oil and rub it gently over the little body, under the blanket; gently wash one part of the body and dry it with a soft cloth. We babies like this and being covered do not get shivery. Then when we are dressed we feel good. I cannot forget how I was first treated. Greased roughly from head to foot, lathered with soap as the barber rubs it on a man's chin, deluged with water that was not warm enough, then rubbed as though I was taking a Turkish bath. How blue I got! How I shivered! How I did cry! How my gums chattered! Then and there the foundation was laid for a cold that lasted many a week.

THE CHILD AND TABLE MANNERS

By Mrs. Chas. A. Rasmussen

Next to the moral training of our children, let us take up table manners, for what indicates good home training like good behavior at table?

There may be changes in fashion as years go by, but a thorough foundation for good behavior in any place or at any time lasts thru a lifetime. I do not believe in waiting—the beginning may be made when baby is put into his high-chair and taught to use a spoon—when many would say, "Wait till he is older, till he understands—he is so very little now!"

When the meal is over, baby will express a desire to get down and will probably proceed to climb out. Right here he may be taught to say "Excuse me," which is cunning indeed in the wee ones. Personally, I found it best not always to allow this liberty, since the child running about, causes a commotion that is annoying to those conversing during or after the meal. Then, too, this bit of discipline is helpful in the training of the child. His exercise need not be taken at that particular time, but one more opportune.

I simply give suggestions for the beginning, but as one goes on with example upon example and precept upon precept, there will be the satisfaction of a quiet well-behaved child at table. Use patience and perseverance, and try for better table manners henceforth.

Begin now!

My small son outgrows his suits so quickly that I have to put deep tucks under the hems of his waists. I have learned to do this with very fine thread—I use ninety—because when it is necessary to let out the tuck a quick pull will break the thread without injuring the cloth. It is much quicker to take out such a tuck than it is one put in with heavier thread, in which case the threads must be drawn as they cannot be broken.

TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

By Aldis Dunbar, in Mothers' Magazine

The older children had no difficulty in memorizing the multiplication tables with matter-of-fact certainty. But when it came Lassie's turn to master those "firm foundations," on which must be built the after structure of "rithmetic," she seemed to come to a sudden standstill before the Seven Table. "Six times" gave her but little trouble; yet neither school penalties nor the various inducements offered her at home proved forceful enough to carry her beyond that point.

"And I don't even dare to think about 'eight times'!" she declared hopelessly.

"But, Lassie-love," I told her, "If you've learned up thru the Six Table, by heart, you already know half of the sevens! Don't you see—'five times seven' is just 'seven times five,' turned around?"

"It isn't when I stand up, in front of the class, and try to say them," she said, with a little sob. "I get all—twisted! I wish there wasn't any 'rithmetic! I'd ever so much rather learn to do hem-stitching, and outline, and how to knit those lovely silk ties, like Big Sister. It only takes two knitting needles. Mumsy, please show me how to knit on two knitting needles. I'm sure I can!"

It was so. Lassie was a born needle-woman and little housewife of the dear, old-fashioned sort. Hemming crash towels—the "chore" over which I had toiled impatiently in childhood, even as she labored at the Seven Table—had no terrors for my deft little daughter.

"I think you could learn," I told her. "Knitting a plain strip on two needles—they call it garter stitch—would be easy, except for one thing."

Her dancing brown eyes questioned me eagerly.

"It must be done straight," I went on. "You can't put six stitches in one row, and eight in the next, and then seven in another, and have it look right. It has to be done as evenly as—the Seven Table!"

"But I could do that!" she insisted. "I'd count every stitch!"

"Very well, little daughter. We'll take the thick needles and heavy cotton, and begin by casting on and knitting a little strip seven stitches wide. You must count the first six stitches on each row to yourself—and the last one aloud, to me. Like this: 'Seven, fourteen, twenty-one,' and so on, until you reach eighty-

four. Then you must begin over again. When the knitting has taught you the Seven Table so that you know it perfectly, we'll widen it by one stitch, and learn the Eights; then widen for the Nines, Tens and Elevens. And on the day when you can go to Miss Ranney and recite without one mistake up to 'twelve times twelve,' we'll buy the knitting silk for a tie for you, and you shall do it all yourself—from casting on

fifteen stitches to knotting in the fringe at the ends."

Even to Lassie's adroit fingers the management of the wooden needles was an awkward affair at first, but supper time found her chanting number steadily. By the end of the week she attacked "eleven times" with ardor—and in just six days from "the inspiration" the spool of deep cardinal silk was bought and carried home in triumph!

Color Games for Wee Ones

Arranged by Dr. Montessori for the Instruction of Youthful Minds

The simplest game is played by giving to the child in the lid of a box six tablets wound round with red, yellow and blue wool or tissue paper, each in a strong tint. The game is to "pair" these six colors, so as to have the two reds side by side, the two blues and the two yellows.

The child who may not even know the names of the colors, can see which are alike, and enjoys trying to do the "pairing." It can readily be seen that the active work of selecting and placing

these words and nothing more, leaving the child to compare the two.

After a moment, she is to say to the child, "Give me the red one." "Give me the blue one." If the child makes a mistake, the mother is to say nothing. No—not even to say, "You are wrong."

Dr. Montessori claims the child is discouraged by pointing out mistakes, and also that nothing is gained by it. She says that if the child responds incorrectly it is simply a signal that his mind is not ready for the instruction. Leave

name is called, altho to a person unaccustomed to teach it seems to be about the same. Gradually six other tablets are played with by "sorting" and "pairing" until the colors red, blue, yellow, green, purple, orange, brown and gray are known.

In these games thus far the child has handled sixteen spools or tablets, the strongest tones of each color having been used. The child loves to practice until he can arrange readily eight pairs from the sixteen tablets.

A JOKE ON MOTHER

By Daisy D. Stevens

Bobby and Betty were having a beautiful time with their toys, and mother was thinking how sweet of her manly small son to amuse his little sister after school. The other boys had whistled for Bobby to join them, but he was now building a wonderful block house for Betty.

Suddenly mother heard Bobby telling a most astonishing tale to his little sister, who believed every word she was told, especially if Bobby told it. Mother dropped her work; her thimble rolled away and the kitten began playing with it. Kitty was sorry the spool hadn't dropped, but the thimble would have to do.

Here is what mother heard: "Yes, sir; it's as true as I'm sitting here. I bit off the camel's hump and all his legs, then he couldn't walk over the dessert again or drink a barrel of water."

"O—O!" said the little sister. "And after that," went on Bobby, "I grabbed an el'phunt and bit off his trunk and swallowed it whole. The lion tasted best, 'cause he's king of 'em all, but the gerraf—oh, my! His long neck was sweet!"

He smacked his lips audibly. Mother rose hastily. Would he never remember he must tell little sister only the truth?

Bobby went on: "Then I think—I b'lieve, Betty, next there was a moo-cow; but the nice fat pig....."

"Robert Henry Bennett!" cried mother, "what do you mean by frightening little sister with such stories? Haven't I told you, and explained to you——" She stopped in astonishment. What was the joke? Betty and Bobby were laughing with all their might, and Betty was dancing about in glee.

"Oh, mother! How funny!" shouted Bobby, as he rolled over the floor in mirth. He explained between his giggles: "I was just—telling Betty about the animal crackers. I ate at school today!"



GRACE GRAY

Second Prize Baby, with her father, Andrew Gray, Creelman, Sask.

colors will best impress the colors. Let the child simply "pair," mix up and "pair" again until he is satisfied. As long as he is learning, he will be content.

Some day when the six tablets or spools are unsorted, the mother places one color in front of the child on the table and says, "This is red," then a second and says, "This is blue." Just

it and try again next day. If the child on the first or second day, or later, shows correctly the color then the mother may proceed after a few minutes one step further by saying, "What is this?" holding up the red.) "And this?" (holding up the blue.) This last question requires the child to give the correct name. It is more difficult to do this than to hand the color when the

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GREAT RALLY AT BINSKARTH

The Binscarth Grain Growers' Association held their annual social on March 13, with an attendance of nearly 300. Regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of T. A. Crerar, thru illness. Following the opening address by the president, F. O. Orr, Messrs. Simpson and Burdett addressed the assemblage, dealing with the position and important work of the Association, in tense interest being shown thruout. During the evening the president, who is leaving Manitoba for the East (the returns from his extensive grain operations not yielding the profit from investment other occupations offer), was presented with an address and meerschaum pipe, the address showing the esteem in which he was held by the members and their sorrow at his departure. The speeches were interwoven with songs, solos and recitations, including a humorous one composed and recited by the secretary. The receipts for the evening were \$85.25.

WM. L. JOHNSON,
 Secretary-Treasurer

GRASSMERE'S CONCERT AND BALL

The Grassmere branch of the Grain Growers' Association held a very successful concert, supper and ball at Stonewall, on Tuesday, March 10. The president, A. Campbell, occupied the chair, and a large turnout gave evidence of their appreciation by their hearty applause of the various members on the program, who were mostly local talent. The president called on M. J. Stanbridge, secretary for the District Association of Stonewall, who gave a very good address on the Association work. The program was composed of instru-

mental solos, recitations and songs. After the concert the gathering went downstairs and partook of refreshments whilst the hall was being cleared for dancing. The music was supplied by B. McCullough, of Stonewall, and A. Calder held the position of floor manager, which he did very creditably.

branch of the Grain Growers' Association was held in the schoolhouse on Friday, March 6, and was very well attended. The chair was taken by the secretary, and the program was up to the usual standard, consisting chiefly of songs and recitations, which were very well rendered by the members of

Town Hall, which was very well attended, considering the cold weather. President Quelch occupied the chair. An interesting program, consisting of speeches and songs, was much appreciated. Mr. Crossman, of The Grain Growers' Grain Co., outlined the work of the company, and also spoke of the



Representatives of Portage la Prairie District at Manitoba Grain Growers Convention, Brandon, January 7, 8, 9, 1914

The gathering broke up about 2 o'clock, everyone going home satisfied with the enjoyable evening, and the Grassmere branch intends to make it an annual affair after the success it turned out to be.

F. B. SHELDON,
 Secretary-Treasurer.

ROARING RIVER'S ANNUAL SOCIAL

The annual entertainment and social in connection with the Roaring River

the Association, assisted by a few friends. A side-splitting sketch, entitled "Box and Cox," was given by Mr. and Mrs. Spicer and Fred Twilley, after which supper was served by the directors, assisted by their lady friends. A most enjoyable time was spent by everybody, and the proceedings were brought to a close with the singing of the national anthem and cheers for the Roaring River Grain Growers' Association.

JOHN LIVESEY,
 Secretary-Treasurer.

advantages of being a member of the Association. Mr. Burdette, of Foxwarren, also spoke of the work of the Association. The tit-bit of the evening were the songs rendered by the president. We are very much alive at present, and have handled shipments of flour, fish, evaporated apples, and cedar posts. We are booking orders for lumber and formalin. An interesting debate on the question of forming a third party was held on Saturday, but the meeting did not favor this, but thought that Direct Legislation would be more effective.

H. M. CARTMELL,
 Secretary.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION AROUND RAPID CITY

Please send us a few copies of the constitution for district organization. We were successful in forming a District Association here, yesterday, with Rapid City as the centre. The following officers were elected: Jas. W. Shanks, Pettapiece, president; W. Hays, Oak River, vice-president, and H. Hindson, Rapid City, secretary-treasurer. We meet again to complete organization on Friday, March 27, at 2:30 p.m. Forrest, Rivers, Moore Park, St. George's, Oak River, Hamiota, Moline and Rufford were represented by delegates, and W. H. English and Frank Simpson gave very interesting addresses. Rapid City was re-organized in January, and promises to be more alive in the future than in the past. Co-operation seems to be the slogan of one and all.

H. HINDSON,
 Sec.-Treas.

MULVIHILL'S EXCELLENT CONCERT

A G. G. concert was held in the schoolhouse at Mulvihill, Man., March 14. A delightful program was rendered and was well received. There was a splendid attendance, some two hundred being present. The program was divided into two parts, the first being vocal and the second composed of cinematograph pictures and some selections on an Edison phonograph. Mark Woods, of Ashern, conducted this part of the entertainment, which everyone enjoyed, especially the children.

The vocal part was opened by a magnificent rendering of "The Song that Reached My Heart," by Mrs. W. Thomas. This was loudly cheered and encored and resulted in her singing "Our Hands Have Met But Not Our Hearts." This song reminded some of us of the verse which says:

"Our eyes have met,
 Our hearts not yet,
 But oh you kid
 I'll have you yet."

Unfortunately Mrs. Thomas is no kid. Mr. Roberts sang "Sweet Genevieve," which was very well received, followed by "Bluebell," sung by Mrs. A. Abbott. Mr. and Miss Norman gave a splendid rendering of "Noorland," a Swedish song, in which language it was sung. Loud cheers called for an encore and they sang "Vater-land." Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell sang a beautiful duet, "I Would That the Love," by Mendelssohn. Humorous recitations were given by Messrs. Lindley and Campbell. Mrs. Mitchell played all the accompaniments. At 10 p.m. a most enjoyable evening was closed by singing "God Save the King."

THOS. MITCHELL.

Materialism has had its day, and, except among the ignorant and vain, is quickly ceasing to be physical. Scientists have largely abandoned it as altogether inadequate to account either for the origin or constitution of man.—Bishop of Carlisle.

HARMSWORTH GRAIN GROWERS' ORGANIZE BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS

An enthusiastic and representative meeting of the Grain Growers' of Harmsworth district was held in Joslin school on Friday, March 6. After some discussion it was decided to organize a Harmsworth branch Grain Growers' Association, and the following officers were elected for 1914: President, S. Gellie; vice-president, J. J. Nichol; secretary, H. E. Green; directors, W. J. Bray, Thos. Cusack, T. Buker, T. Tapp, J. L. Whiteford, John Burchbye. Membership tickets will be issued at once, and it is the hope of the Association that all Grain Growers and others interested in the district will join and help to make the work of co-operation a success.

H. E. GREEN,
 Secretary.

BIRTLE BRANCH MUCH ALIVE

The Birtle branch of the Grain Growers' Association held a social and dance here on Wednesday, February 11, in the

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EDWELL AGGRESSIVE

The following report has been received from Edwell Local Union No. 53: The monthly meeting of this Local Union was held Thursday evening, in the schoolhouse, under the chairmanship of the president, T. J. Walton, and for the first time in the history of this Local, some lady members attended. They are to be congratulated on being the first to break the ice and the Union showed their appreciation of their presence by awarding them the Union's button. After the minutes had been disposed of the official communications were read and a resolution endorsing that of the Berrywater Union re the Federal Government making a free gift of \$25,000,000 to Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann, thereby squandering the people's money, and the secretary was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to the premier at Ottawa. A letter was received and read from the Lillsdown Union, asking whether they could co-operate with this Local. This was hailed with delight, showing that the spirit of co operation was abroad. The following were admitted members: W. H. Taylor, of Penhold, and D. McGill, of Red Deer. Quotations were read from local merchants on coarse salt and flour in carload lots and this was laid over until a subsequent meeting, as by then the requirements of the co-operating locals would be to hand. The meeting endorsed most emphatically the need of a sur-tax of at least \$10.00 on all vacant lands that were held for speculation. The subject of an egg circle was brought up and discussed, four members giving in their names to join when started. It is expected that a good many more will join as soon as it is in full swing. The buying of formalin, gopher poison, wire, etc., was postponed to March 19, when members were requested to bring the ladies, as at the close of the meeting it is hoped to have a little music, recitations, etc. The secretary will be glad to receive the names of new members at once, in order to arrange for supplies.

KASIMIR FOR CO-OP. WHOLESALE

The regular meeting of the Kasimir Local Union, No. 168, was held on February 28, at the Kasimir schoolhouse. The meeting was called to order at 2.30 p.m. by the president, there being thirteen members present. A. W. Brown was voted a member of the Union at this meeting, making the third new member in the month. A circular from W. D. Trego, director of the Medicine Hat constituency, was next read. One item mentioned in this circular was the probability of forming a wholesale store, operated at Calgary, with sufficient capital to be able to buy direct from the manufacturers. This led to a lengthy discussion on co-operation and co-operative buying and selling. Some of the members were of the opinion that a wholesale store at Calgary could not be operated without branch stores at each local Union. Moved by M. Hendricks and seconded by C. Wighton that this Union is in favor of a co operative store in the district. The buying of formaldehyde was next considered. A. W. Brown stated that the Sweet Valley Local had bought a large quantity of formaldehyde and would probably have some to spare. The president asked A. W. Brown to make inquiries at Sweet Valley on behalf of the Kasimir Union. It was not deemed advisable to buy formaldehyde in a large quantity, as the little saved barely paid for the handling.

GUIDE AND CHEAP MONEY NEEDED

The members of River Bend Local U.F.A. No. 388 turned out in good numbers on the evening of the 9th inst. to

hear the address of Robt. M. Fee, from the Central Office of the U.F.A., Calgary. Needless to say all were delighted with his enthusiastic, businesslike manner. The accomplishments, present and future plans of the Association were dealt with, the importance of organization, extension and loyalty to the cause were emphasized, and a strong plea was put forth in favor of placing The Guide in the hands of every member and every outsider in the district. A number of subscriptions were taken and A. Wilkinson agreed to act as an agent for this locality. Mr. Fee's visit to the Unions north of Carlstadt is undoubtedly resulting in an awakening all along the line, not that interest has been sleeping, but we often forget the importance and power of thorough organization and united action and the weight of responsibilities we are called upon to assume if this province is to be a land of fair play and contentment. Chas. Thomas, of the Blue Grass Union, whose mind is set to forward a movement in favor of provincial government loans to farmers at reasonable rates of interest, drove twenty miles to place this plan before this Union. He was cordially received. A resolution was framed and unanimously endorsed. Copies of this resolution are to be sent to each Union thruout the province, and, judging from the feeling here, and the zeal of Mr. Thomas, the appeal of the farmers will be loud and emphatic in the ears of the government. We congratulate Mr. Thomas for his enthusiastic earnestness in this cause and for his eagerness to devote his time to it. May the hoped for results come speedily. Mr. Fee led a discussion re delegate representations at annual conventions, a larger unit being favored. A lively debate on the subject "Resolved, That the time is now ripe for the formation of a municipality here," is to form part of our next business meeting. H. O. KLINCK, Sec.-Treas.

LADIES ARE HELPING NEEDMORE

An encouraging report has been received from J. H. Dixon, secretary of the Needmore Union, No. 461, which reads as follows: Our Union has started the New Year strongly and the members are quite as enthusiastic as last year, which is saying a good deal as last year every member put his shoulder to the wheel and kept things humming. Our former president, L. McKinnon brought back a glowing account of the convention which he attended as an official delegate. With the new year the new officers elected were: M. Phillips as president and J. H. Dixon as secretary-treasurer, and with the support of the members and the provincial secretary, we hope to do as well as those who so ably filled the respective posts last year. Enrolling ladies as members on the family ticket, which is a new departure for this Union, bids fair to be a great success, as they up to now have attended very regularly and have helped materially in some of the discussions.

CO-OPERATION IN MOYERTON

E. H. Benner, secretary of Moyerton Union No. 184 reports as follows: "Moyerton Union held a very successful meeting here today and more interest is being manifested every day in the success of the organization and in local work. A letter from J. R. Lowery, M.P.P., was read and listened to with a good deal of interest. Various matters, including railway, telephone, co-operation and the elevator were discussed and much interesting work laid out for the future. Co-operation is taking a strong hold in this locality, and, as our efforts in this direction in the past have been decidedly successful, we have great hopes that the future will have still greater financial gains and give this movement a permanent foothold.

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p.m. It was decided that this Local be known as the Bismark of the U.F.A.

MINISTER REPORTS PROGRESS

Rev. L. C. Michaels, secretary of Seal Local Union, No. 567, reports as follows: At a regular meeting of Local No. 567 I was instructed to forward the following: Resolved, That the members of Seal Local, No. 567, adopt resolution re Berrywater Local, No. 195, protesting against \$25,000,000 free gift to Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann.—Carried. We had a rousing meeting on February 28, when we adopted parliamentary rules for all future business. We are to have a concert and dance on March 27, in which the entire local seems to be interested, and all are boosting to make it a success. After doing our regular business in record time and good order, we had a short debate on the following subject: "Resolved, That the cow is more profitable on the farm than the horse." The Local were judges and decided against the cow. The general secretary's letter and president's address were read and made a deep impression on all the members present and we hope that it will be an incentive for all of us to put our shoulders to the wheel and push the good work along."

For the following report of the Lake Alice Local Union, No. 510, we are indebted to their acting secretary, T. F. Randles: A meeting of this Union was held in the Lake Alice schoolhouse on February 28. We endorsed the resolution of Berrywater Local Union, No. 198, with regard to the \$25,000,000 gift to the Mackenzie and Mann corporation. The date of meeting hereafter will be set by the president and secretary. At the request of C. A. Jacobsen, T. F. Randles was appointed secretary until the return of Mr. Wright.

U.F.A. HAS A BISMARK

From S. L. Johnson, secretary of the Bismark Union, No. 598, which has just been organized, we have received the following report: A meeting was called at the Bismark schoolhouse for the purpose of organizing a Local Branch of the U.F.A. Julius Kirkee was elected chairman and W. J. Hoar secretary. Eighteen of the farmers present became members. The following officers were elected: President, A. J. Grandall; vice-president, Wm. Jacobus; secretary-treasurer, S. L. Johnston; directors, R. J. Maudsley, T. Reynolds, J. Gerke, S. J. Denel, B. Tillgen, Henry Nagel. The meeting will be called for the second Thursday of every month at 7.30

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CO-OPERATION

The newly appointed secretary, who is to take full charge on April 1, is now at his office hard at work, getting in touch with the various features of the work, sending out circulars and organizing for the co-operative part of our work, under instructions from the executive. We are all feeling already the value of the incoming secretary's technical training and business experience. We feel quite sure his excellent qualification, his unquestionable integrity with his sacred conception of duty, makes his service his religion. These all tend to make him the man of the hour; the most popular man amongst us, with the most difficult child to train in our family. A real Gideon, who has a real fight to wage, a real deliverance to bring to the common people. Not a mercenary actuated activity, but a sacrifice to offer, an obligation to fulfill, a service to render to all our people for all our people assisted by all our people. God speed him.

F.W.G.

PROGRESSION

With this issue of The Guide whatever part the writer has taken in providing matter for this section is, by order of the Board of Directors, transferred to my successor, J. B. Musselman and I heartily wish him every success and congratulate all members of the Association and Guide generally in the acquisition of a man so richly endowed, whose spirit and training so eminently fit him to serve in this as in various other capacities.

During my own term of office one thought has been foremost. Namely, the creation of a permanent cohesive

agency amongst Saskatchewan tillers of the soil animated by a spirit of progression towards a more universal application of the spirit and practice of the co-operative ideal. These five key words have been my text book: Agitation, Education, Organization, Co-operation, Emancipation. I have frequently wished to have these words placed permanently in our sectional page. Our agitation and education, as thus far carried on, may be said to have been preliminary to the greater organization and co-operative propaganda now to be carried on.

During the last few weeks I have been asked many times, "Why did you resign the secretaryship?" and many suggestive reasons have been advanced. Now, I will in part confide in you.

1st—I never pretended to be an office man. I am a man of the field, the plow. From the rough school of experience I have graduated. Amongst animal life and farm machinery thirty-nine years of my life was spent. Twenty-five of these under ever-changing experimental pioneer conditions on these prairies and these immediately following the construction of the C.P.R. main line across this country. Thru the agricultural testing period and the rebellion of 1885 meeting such conditions as make present hardships seem tame.

2nd—With a heap of paper and pens I am not expert and never so professed. I have frequently found myself foiled, both re a means as well as a mode of expression as would correctly convey my meaning to others.

3rd—With the performance of the trading function in and thru our association, our work will be more intricate, requiring still more skill in of-

ficial management so that I think the time had fully come for the procurement of a fully equipped business manager.

4th—Moreover, I could never make a good master of a sailing vessel. In giddy heights adjusting sails to catch breezes I could not excel. I might give better service as a stoker of a steamship.

5th—I know I am Green and "doubtless I have grey thoughts, for I am also grey," and "after all the stormy changes now perhaps we shall have a changeless May."

6th—A considerable family requires some attention.

7th—Farming is not as remunerative as some years ago, when personal undivided attention was given to my farm. Wheat is low, dry goods high, and cheap money has not yet arrived.

8th—With paternal legislation, governmental supervision and peace resolutions, in the interests of peace I thought it well to retire awhile.

9th—I think it would be a good time, also, to put in for repairs, which I trust may be successfully carried out.

Some have suggested my present position as like to a certain old-time shepherd who destroyed many enemies of his country, was made a king, collected much gold for his people, but was refused permission to build a temple therewith for his people to worship in.

10th—Another likens me to one older still—a certain lawmaker who brought his people safe across a howling wilderness but was refused permission to enter with them into the land of promise.

11th—Another declares I am like a Sampson in the toils, my source of power stolen by a hairy-faced Philistine who dangled a bauble before Delilah till she betrayed her best friend and protector.

12th—Another one pictures me as a murdered Duncan "And pity, like a new-born babe astride the blast doth blow the horrid deed in every eye till tears do drown the wind."

13th—One urges on me the advice of a Wolsey, meekly to carry still in my right hand gentle peace to silence envious tongues and declares that had I served the Gods with half the zeal I have served the people I should not have been left thus naked to mine enemies.

Now friends, let me give you one quotation: "Tis not my profit that doth lead mine honor, mine honor it."

I would further say, we generally have an aftermath following each convention. These are doubtless the birth throes of a new ideal. Our entire associative endeavor is being transformed by a new enthusiasm. We are about to challenge the world, thru our Association, to a co-operative activity whose ideal and watchword is to be "All for each and each for all." We are to introduce a new interprovincial and international interpretation and application not only of a Grain Grower's duty to his fellow Grain Growers (which is, of course, the first lesson) but of the wider one, "man's duty to man," in order to effectively relieve, not only local, but world-wide, tension in the struggle for existence. We are to establish a more truly cosmopolitan view of humanity's problems.

We are now to recognize present-day industrialism has made our problems of a universal character. Methods and means of transportation and communication have interlaced all the kingdoms and systems of the world. Seas and oceans, once barriers, are now the most economical and convenient national highways. No more egotistical screaming of "Canada for Canadians" or "America for the Americans" will suffice. No such a cowardly abdication of our race leadership will bring the de-

sired relief or save us from the catastrophe if we fail. Our ideal has in it a duty as large as humanity's need. "One natural touch makes now the world akin." No more mere catering to the whims of a local mob will do. No more appeal to blind prejudice will satisfy. No more hypocritical self-seeking. Nothing short of a fearless devotion to a solution of such difficulties as would prevent a world-wide solidarity compatible with local social unity. "There is no true good which is not good for all."

Nevertheless we are to begin at home with our own local group and widen the field and sphere of our confederated spirit of mutual helpfulness until we give a universal expression to a brotherliness in all our daily interchanging relationships. In other words, a Christianization of our organization, extending thru all our local and world-wide industrial and political systems.

This is a big job, "demands more man," man in action at home, and from the old man at home you may still occasionally expect to hear. Sincerely yours,

F. W. GREEN.

The Renown local of the S.G.G.A. gave a box social, entertainment and dance in the Renown school house on February 23. The program commenced about 8.30 p.m. and by that time the school house was filled to overflowing, some 200 people being present. The Laird brothers gave several musical selections on the organ and violin, which were well received and loudly encored. Robert Johnson gave two Scotch songs which were well received and applauded.

Next came M. J. Hourigan, our representative to the convention, who in a very able way gave us a brief report of the proceedings and his impressions thereon. His report is to be continued at our next meeting.

The program of entertainment was continued by Messrs. Cragg and McGee singing songs in a very able manner. Both were loudly encored, the former causing roars of laughter in a song entitled "Laundry." Mr. Price, of Renown, gave a recitation; Mr. Barry, an Irishman's military experience. Mr. Hourigan followed with a song. Both were very amusing and loudly applauded. Several others also assisted with singing and music. The Culverson brothers were well received with their song "Lulu," and Master Hugh Sellars, a "wee laddie," is worthy of mention.

The selling of the boxes was ably conducted by Mr. Hourigan, as auctioneer, after which everyone did justice to the inner man. After supper the floor was cleared for dancing, which was indulged in till "cock crow" of the morning, when everybody departed for their respective homes, happy and tired.

F. W. MacCONNELL,
 Sec., Renown Assoc.

I herewith enclose order for dues for thirty-six members, \$18. I have already sent you dues for sixty-one members. Our president, W. E. E. Currie, and myself were at Moose Jaw, and were gratified to see Rocanville headed the list for moneys sent to Central during the last year.

We have a very live association, due to a large extent to our president, who is full of energy and co-operation. We handled three carloads of flour and feed in the last twelve months, and are preparing to build a warehouse to handle our shipments. I sold two boxes of buttons, so most of our members show the badge of mutual self help, education and uplift.

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Tired Mothers

By MARY RIPLEY SMITH

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A child's dear eyes are looking lovingly
From underneath a thatch of tangled hair.
Perhaps you do not heed the velvet touch
Of warm, moist fingers holding yours so tight;
You do not prize this blessing over much,
You are almost too tired to pray tonight.

But it is blessedness! A year ago
I did not see it as I do today—
We are so dull and thankless, and so slow
To catch the sunshine till it slips away.
And now it seems surpassing strange to me
That while I wore the badge of motherhood,
I did not kiss more oft and tenderly
The little child that brought me only good.

And if some night, when you sit down to rest,
You miss this elbow from your tired knee,
This restless curly head from off your breast,
This lisping tongue that chatters constantly;
If from your own the dimpled hand had slipped,
And ne'er would nestle in your palm again;
If the white feet into the grave had tripped,
I could not blame you for your heartache then.

I wonder so that mothers ever fret
At little children clinging to their gown,
Or that the footprints, when the days are wet,
Are ever black enough to make them frown.
If I could find a little muddy boot,
Or cap, or jacket, on my chamber floor—
If I could kiss a rosy, restless foot,
And hear it patter in my home once more;

If I could mend a broken cart today,
Tomorrow make a kite to reach the sky—
There is no woman in God's world could say
She was more blissfully content than I.
But ah, the dainty pillow next my own
Is never rumpled by a shining head;
My singing birdling from its nest has flown—
The little boy I used to kiss is dead!

—Springfield Republican.

Mothers' Letters

HEALTH AND MORALITY

This department should be highly valued by every woman who is a reader of The Grain Growers' Guide. It gives us the privilege of discussing freely experiences which may be helpful to all. Yet how often we meet those who deem it immodest to speak or write on subjects which are of vital importance.

We frequently hear of the little boy requiring to be circumcised, but how many mothers know that occasionally little girls require a similar treatment?

When my little girl was a year old, I noticed a strong tendency on the part of the child to relieve some irritation—even after the bath. I became alarmed, lest one so young should be forming unchaste habits. Upon investigation I discovered something unnatural and made no delay in consulting our doctor. A slight operation was performed and with a little extra care for a few weeks the trouble was eliminated.

While conversing with the doctor he said, "Such cases are exceptional, but I believe many little girls are neglected, which causes them to form immoral habits."

Our children may form immoral habits without being in companionship with the rude and vulgar. It may be uncleanness or it may be some form of disease which lays the foundation of what may in later years shipwreck our child. Is it not, therefore, our duty to take great care that there is no physical defect and to insist on perfect cleanliness? Then by careful watchfulness and helpful counsel lead our little ones to pure and noble manhood and womanhood.

A MOTHER.

METHOD IN CHILD RAISING

Dear Miss Beynon:—My own children have grown up and I am now mothering two wee girlies who lost their dear father in 1912, so I have had to call to mind many lessons learnt in years gone by.

To young mothers I would say, "Have a fixed time for everything in your baby's life."

I know it may be difficult at first, but it will pay you in the end. The reason so many babies cry is because

their little stomachs are over-loaded, causing pain and discomfort.

If for any reason you are unable to nurse your baby, try barley water and new milk. Take two teaspoonfuls of pearl barley, wash well and then simmer in a pint of water until half the water has boiled away. Strain, and add an equal quantity of new milk, and be sure your bottle is clean. Never make more than the above quantity at a time, for the barley soon sours. This is a splendid food for children of all ages.

I have found out that when a baby cries, sometimes they are thirsty. Boil some water and, when cold, sweeten slightly and give it in a feeding bottle, or out of a cup. Never rock your baby to sleep. Lay him down awake and leave him. Have a regular time for bed and never take him up for visitors to see.

A mother must deny herself many things, but will it not be worth while when she sees her children grow strong and well and a pleasure instead of a burden? I suppose I am old-fashioned but I do not think children should be allowed to listen to conversations between their elders on business, etc. Their young minds often receive wrong impressions. To my mind children of today are far too old in their ways. Let them have their child life to the full. The cares and work of the world will come soon enough and childhood's days should be the sweetest and brightest of all.

GRANDMOTHER.

WHEN MOTHER DOES CHORES

When my husband is away from home overnight and I am expected to do the housework and chores, too, I try to have the children do without their afternoon nap and put them to sleep about the time I have to go after the cattle in the pasture and do the rest of the chores. My two children are two and four years old, and I practiced the above rule when they were quite a bit younger. In the mornings I try and get up early, and get as many of the chores done as I can before the children wake up. In this way the children cannot get into much mischief while I do the chores.

To be economical I make the children's underwear. I make them out of flannel.



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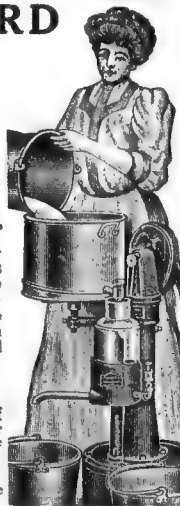
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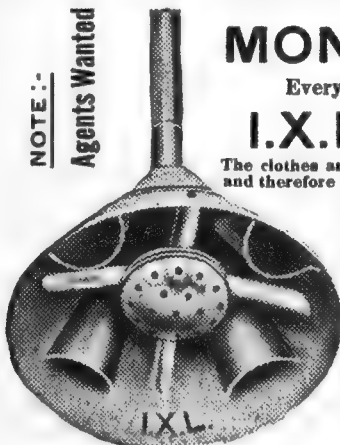
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Pillow cases and summer underwear can be made out of flour sacks.

Flannelette blankets which are not good enough for beds any more may be torn into squares and hemmed for diapers.

The most soiled white clothes, if soaked over night in cold water in which a few drops of coal oil has been added, will wash much easier the next day.

Wash window glass first with clear warm water, then go over the glass with warm water in which a little coal oil has been added. Wipe the glass dry and it will shine.

Here is a home-made paint which serves the same purpose as those expensive paints which you buy: For a room 10x12, mix one gallon sweet milk, three pounds Portland cement and ochre, any color. This stains the floor. After it is dry go over it with linseed oil. That makes it shine.

When a child has a bad cold, make a syrup of onions. Leave the onions in syrup, for they are very good for colds. Give often to child. Also, bake some onions in oven and make a little bag of some cotton cloth and put the onions in when baked. Lay this little bag of onions right on the bare chest, and put a flannel between the bag and under-shirt, and pin bag and flannel to under-shirt so as to keep in position.

In bedrooms or in any room in which there may be bedbugs, close up all cracks, if there are any, so the bugs will have no place to hide. Plaster Paris and putty are good for filling up cracks. And painting the woodwork in a room goes a long way towards getting rid of the bugs.

If one will sow rhubarb and asparagus seed as early as one can in the spring, one will have some rhubarb to use the coming summer, and the second summer one will have quite a bit to use. Mine did fine that way.

Take whole wheat and fan it well, then have it ground up fine and it will make fine breakfast food. It is quite healthy. And then if the fine ground wheat is sifted, and the finest used for bread, it makes very good bread, too.

GARDEN LOVER.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

By ELIZABETH L. GILBERT

Dear little son, whose wondering eyes
Have scarcely yet begun to see,
I clasp thee close unto my breast
And wonder what life holds for thee.

Oh, mother's eyes can see so far
Adown Life's ever broadening track,
On which my baby's tiny feet
May go—but never more come back.

And mother's heart would almost pray
To keep thee safe within her arm,
A baby—pure as Heaven itself—
A baby—whom no sin can harm.

But God has willed it otherwise,
Manhood must come, bring what it will,
And so I pray, my dear, for thee,
That good may far outweigh the ill.

That Love may guard thee to the end.
Just as it folds thee close today.
That strength be given thee from above
To lead thee safely—all Life's way.

FLAX SEED RECIPE

Dear Miss Beynon:—I am enclosing a letter to you which you may publish or not, it will not matter to me, for my real reason for writing to you was to send the complete poem, two verses of which I have read in The Guide. I thought, perhaps, you might use it for the Mothers' Number, and also a clipping which may be useful to you.

I will also send a doctor's formula for preparing flax seed to use when pregnant. I have used this myself, so know it to be good. I have read several in The Guide, but do not think I

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would like them as well as this one. Take two tablespoonsful of flax seed and one-half as much slippery elm. Add one pint of water, and simmer for one-half or three-quarters of an hour. Keep adding water so there will still be one pint when finished. Strain. Take one cup of this at bedtime, neat hot, put in sugar and one-half of a lemon and drink. Do this every night for two months before confinement.

CARE OF MOTHER

Dear Mothers All:—Perhaps I am not what you would consider an experienced mother, as I have not been married quite three years, yet in that short space of time has been crowded considerable experience for me.

I have had two children, the first is now a big, rosy girl of nineteen months, the second, a boy, I have just lost, and have not yet grown strong since the great trial.

In both cases I was very ill and had to have a great deal of help from doctors, nursewomen and hired help in the home, and the advice and help they gave me I would like to pass on to help some other mother, if I may.

Good care of the mother during confinement, and until she can be about a her work again, goes a long way in helping her to regain her old strength and energy. She needs rest by day and sound sleep at night. Let the help in the house be a married woman, if possible, then she will understand how her patient feels, and give her her genuine

sympathy, and bear patiently with her when she is in pain and when she seems hard to suit.

The mother needs good, nourishing food and drink, and plenty of clean, fresh air. Don't keep her too warm, that is weakening; nor too cool, that is dangerous. Preserve an even temperature, if possible. That is the most comfortable and the safest, I think.

Try to keep the sick one from worrying. Keep her cheerful and interested, and make her feel you are longing to see her back in her old place as mistress in the home.

So much for the care of the mother, the baby comes next. I learned to feed and bathe the little one at regular hours, to avoid doping the baby with patent medicines, and to use common

sense in regard to clothing, exercise and sleep.

As I lost my last baby I had a very bad time with sore breasts. The doctor absolutely forbade the nurse using a breast-pump, and I bore the pain of swollen breasts until I nearly died. Then the nurse was compelled to use a breast-pump, and to rub the breasts often with hot lard and turpentine. I was not allowed to drink anything but water and no soft food for nearly a week, until the milk supply grew less and I was able to sit up out of bed. I hope few mothers will ever have to suffer the misery of such sore breasts as I had.

Well, we live to learn, and I am learning a great deal from the experience of other mothers. I wish someone

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could be helped by my experience, then I will not feel I have suffered in vain. Every bereaved mother has my sincere sympathy in her trouble, but, remember, our little ones are safe in the arms of Jesus.

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ECONOMIZING SPACE

Dear Miss Beynon:—How many of the mothers of limited means, with large families of boys, do as I do—save the best parts of the men's cast-off overalls and make some for the young lads? I think they wear better than the bought ones, and if you make them long it saves their stockings. Any old worn-out sweater, if you will cut off the tail and put it on a little waist, makes a good, warm petticoat for the wee lassie. And I must tell you how I make good heavy, warm comforters for these cold nights. I save all the best parts of old coats, pants, heavy skirts, or anything of that sort, and sew them together and make top and bottom, and if you have an old blanket that is worse for wear, put it between and tie with strong yarn (not the Scotch fingering, for it won't stay tied), and you have a good warm quilt. You can put batting in if preferred. They will be too heavy to wash, but if one is careful they can be used for a long time, and you can put them on the line to air and give them a good whipping once in a while.

Necessity is the mother of invention, they say, and we poor mothers living away out on the lonely prairie have to plan quite a bit to make both ends meet. How many try having one or more folding beds where houses are small and families large? If the good man is handy, he can make them himself. My hubby made me one. All you need is two boards, one foot wide and twelve feet long, to make the frame, a bed spring and a pair of strong hinges. Then in the daytime your bed can be folded up and a curtain of pretty art sateen hung down in front. It is out of the way, and you have a shelf on top for books, pictures, knick-knacks, etc.

We have a family of eight children, ages from twenty years to eighteen months, so I am kept pretty busy, as I do all my own work, including sewing, washing and everything. And boys make lots of work, especially in muddy weather, for they will be going in and out in spite of all you can do. But we must have patience, for we are sure to miss the muddy feet when they are gone.

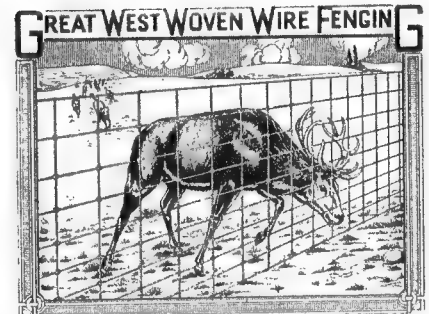
Now, I think my letter is getting quite lengthy enough, so I will close and leave it to the editor to decide whether it is worth printing or not. Wishing you every success, I will sign myself,

BUSY MOTHER.

TEACH CHILDREN KINDNESS

Dear Miss Beynon:—I am only a young mother, myself, but have learned some things which I am glad to pass on. I have found out, by experience, that feeding babies a taste of everything does not do them any good. Some people say, "My mother fed me plenty of potatoes when I was a year old, and it didn't do me any harm," but it does, as there is too much starch in potatoes, and children should not get starchy foods. My little girl, at two years and three months, gets milk, soup, and bread and butter, nothing else. She is considered the healthiest baby around here, and the secret lies in her getting so much milk.

I believe in teaching children to be kind. This can be instilled in their little minds even when very young. If a child should fall against the table and gets hurt, don't tell her the table is naughty and get her to slap it, but say the table is sorry it hurt her. The same can be applied to other things. Let mother pet the cat or dog, and baby will soon see how she can be kind to the pets, too. Should we whip a child when it refuses to do something we wish him to do? No! Tell him a little story, or refuse to let him play with a certain toy until he does what you wish him to do. When he is deprived of such



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Do not handle a little baby too much. If it cries and is not hungry, examine to see that there are no wrinkles in the clothes, give a teaspoonful of warm water, or turn it over on its stomach. A change of position often stops a baby from crying, and do not rock a baby. Why should an infant be rocked tho if it is started it is hard to stop?

Little ones often want to help. Well, let them! It takes a few minutes more, but children think they are doing something wonderful when they carry a cup or a spoon from the table, and do not get so busy that you cannot stop, say five minutes, to play with the little tots. The work may go behind, but when the children grow up they can look back and think with pride of their younger days, that mammy was their friend and companion when they were young.

MOTHER OF TWO.

FOR BOTTLE-FED BABIES

Use milk from a fresh cow, if possible, and milk from only one cow. Do not boil the milk, as some of the salts are thus destroyed. Do not use a Thermos bottle, except to keep food cool when visiting or at night. Use little sugar. The utensils for summer are two pails for cold water, to be kept on earthen floor in cellar, and three two-quart glass jars, and mark each with a file at one and a half quarts and three-quarters of a quart.

From morning milk strain one and a half quarts into jar and cover with moist cloth, so warmth can escape, and place in pail of cold water in cellar. In the evening take this jar and by tilting and with a long spoon draw off the cream from the top and the upper half of milk into second jar, making it three-quarters of a quart. This may also be done by drawing off bottom half of milk with a rubber tube used as a syphon, or, better, have made a small tin cone-shaped dipper to lift off cream and upper half of milk with.

Next, take Robinson's patent barley flour (to be obtained at drug store), one dessert spoonful, moisten with a little cold water, then pour on two cups of boiling water and boil slowly ten minutes. This is for a child over three months. Directions are enclosed in tin for other ages.

Now strain this, which will leave about three-quarters of a quart, and after it has cooled add to three-quarters of a quart of milk and cream in second jar. Sugar of milk (prepared from whey), can be bought at the drug store, and a teaspoonful added. This will make food enough for one day. Set in second pail of cold water in cellar.

If child becomes constipated, give one teaspoonful of olive oil in the morning. If severe, make it half castor oil, otherwise, do not use castor oil. After nine months, apple sauce juice, orange juice or scraped raw apple may be given. Simply increasing the amount of cream is at times all that is necessary. Use baking soda to wash baby's milk utensils, and rinse well. Questions will be answered if above is not clear.

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NO TWO BABIES ALIKE

Dear Miss Beynon:—I see you want experienced mothers to write to you for this number. I suppose I may call myself experienced as I have three small boys, the eldest five years and the youngest seven months. First of all I would say that no two children can be treated exactly alike as their dispositions are entirely different. My first baby was very troublesome and cross. I knew nothing about children and used to take him whenever he cried, also had him in bed with me at night. Consequently I did not have one good night's rest for quite a year. The next baby I treated quite differently. He was a very delicate child and had to lie down, as it was better in every way for him, and as he was a bottle-fed baby, I don't think he was nursed one hour during the day and never bothered me at all during the night after the first three months. He would sleep from ten p.m. until six a.m. without a bottle. He is now three years old and a very loving, happy little chap, as healthy as possible.

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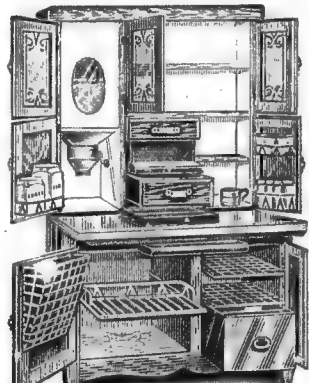
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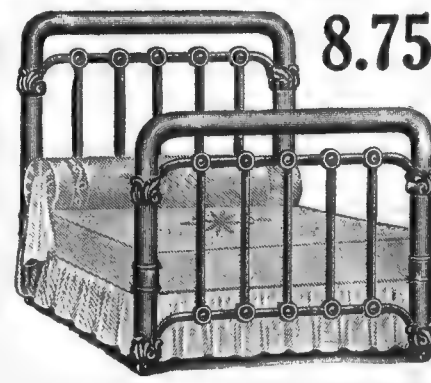


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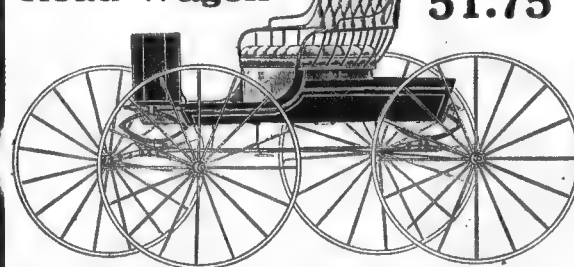


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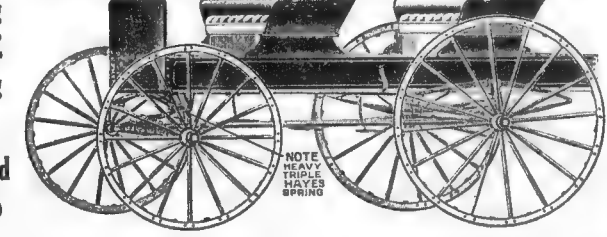
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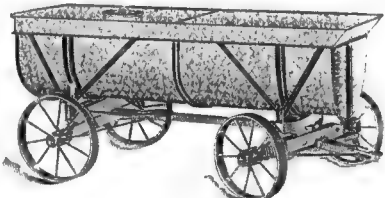


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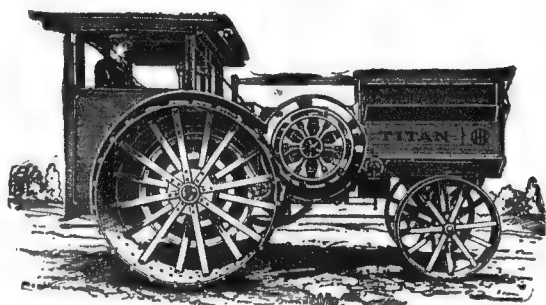
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My last baby I am treating very much the same, as regards letting him lie down and amuse himself. I think a child should be allowed to cry for, say half an hour at least, during the day. It is nearly all the exercise they get. Then I bath my baby at five-thirty every evening and put him to bed. Often he lies awake for an hour or so, crooning and kicking, but never wants to be taken out of bed. The older I invariably have in bed by seven every evening.

I give them plenty of water, fourteen hours' sleep and plenty of plain, wholesome food, also all the time possible out of doors running around. As soon as the weather permits I put their cots out on the verandah (which is enclosed with wire, and curtains to draw at night), and they sleep out there all summer, unless, of course, the thunder storms drive them in, as they did a few times last summer.

MOTHER.

CONVULSIONS

I will tell you how I do and I have three children. First, I watch their bowels. If they do not act during the day I give them a laxative of syrup of rhubarb or powdered licorice root, stirred up with a little water and sugar, a teaspoonful or more of each. They are both perfectly harmless. By letting the bowels get lazy they, in time, throw poison to all parts of the body, which will cause sickness.

With bad colds and summer complaint I use castor oil.

The first thing on rising in the morning I give them half a cup of warm water each, about half an hour before breakfast, and give them plenty of fresh air and plenty of exercise every day.

If they take a severe cold, I use an ointment I make myself of ten cents worth of camphor gum and a cup of olive oil (or melted lard, unsalted), and three teaspoonsful of turpentine. Put the oil and camphor gum in a pan on the stove and heat until dissolved, then add the turpentine. Put in a can or bottle and cover tight, and warm it when you need it. Apply freely to the chest and back and under the arms, covering up with a wool cloth. Apply night and morning, and give castor oil, too, to keep the bowels open.

Any of these remedies cost but very little, and I know they do good. People that see my children remark how healthy they look. I think it is the way I manage their health.

I have had some experience with sickness, my first two children being sick a great deal of their first three years, but it has been five years since we had a doctor in our house and very little medicine outside of what I have mentioned.

I am going to tell how to treat convulsions, as I have had plenty of that to do. When my first child took them it scared me so I ran and left it, and went for a neighbor across the road. I found out I should not lose my head that way. I get four thicknesses of muslin wrung out of cold water and place on the head, and raise the head higher than the feet. Keep changing this cloth, as it gets hot quickly, the blood rushing to the brain causing this. Then I get a pan of hot water, first trying my elbow in it (if I can stand it they can), and then put their feet in it, throwing a shawl over the pan and up over the child to keep the steam in around the legs. When they come out of it, I give them an injection of a pint of warm water and a teaspoonful of table salt, emptying the bowels as quickly as possible. I never had them take the second one after I did all this. After the head gets cool there is no danger of another. I have called doctors and they would say, "Don't be alarmed," and they all said I had done the wise thing. They would give some medicine for the nerves. I got so I never called a doctor but treated them myself. My children were subject to them. The least bit of fever would bring them on with mine.

MOTHER ON THE FARM.

CHOLERA INFANTUM

Dear Friends of Our Country Home-makers:—I have had some experience with summer sickness in children, and I think I can give a few simple direc-

tions which may be safely followed in any sickness of this kind. If summer sickness really turns into Cholera Infantum, it is a poisoning in the intestines, with the result that the child will have a very high fever, perhaps 103 or 104 degrees.

The first thing to do always, and this is very important, is to give no food, either solids or liquids, and give only water which has been boiled. In hot weather it is well to give only boiled (and cooled) water to drink. This will help prevent this sickness.

Do not be afraid of weakening the child by starving it, for it will weaken it more to give food, which it is in no condition to digest. In an ordinary case don't hesitate to give the stomach a complete rest for forty-eight hours. Then, if there is a decided improvement, give the white of an egg, beaten and mixed with one-half cupful of water previously boiled. Give a few spoonfuls of this every two hours. Then, if this agrees with the patient, you may give cornstarch cooked in water, and gradually work back to ordinary diet.

Always, at the first appearance of this trouble, keep the child very warm. Put a woollen binder on snugly over the abdomen. A piece of an old woollen undershirt will do nicely for this. If the child is old enough to run about, put on an extra sweater also, and keep the feet dry and warm. This is important. Keep as quiet as possible.

In cases where the motions are very frequent and there is much straining, give an injection of equal parts glycerine and warm water. This may be given, even to an infant, by means of a small syringe, such as is used for an ear syringe. This may be used twice a day. Frequent small doses of brandy may be given, also castor oil, but use with care.

These are suggestions for home treatment, but this is a very serious disease and should never be trifled with. Much may be done to prevent it, and great care must be taken with bottle-fed babies. The bottles and everything used must be kept very clean and thoroughly sterilized, and everything must be jealously guarded from flies, which are, perhaps, baby's greatest enemy.

READER.

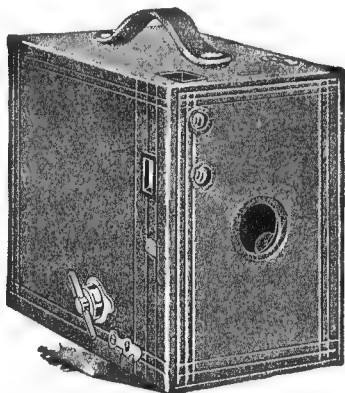
MOTHERS SHOULD NOT FAST

Dear Miss Beynon:—I would like to say to expectant mothers, don't starve yourselves. Eat in moderation, and leave out anything that disagrees with you, however much you like it. Eat as little flesh meat, such as beef and pork, as you can get along with, but don't be afraid of eggs, chicken and fish, as they are good for you.

About talking to the children, I believe in it when they begin to wonder and ask questions, but I think three or four years old is too young. My little girl is nine, and it is just a few months since I explained things to her, and I think that is about the right age, as before that they are too young to understand.

I don't believe in giving medicine to children, but if they need any, a teaspoonful of castor oil is quite safe. I think a lot of babies are hurt by giving them teething powders and soothing syrup. A comforter is another dirty thing that should not be used. I only know one case where it was really good. The baby had indigestion with over-feeding, and when it was put on a strict diet by the doctor he advised the mother to use a comforter to keep it from fretting, until it was able to take its full meals again. I think country life is very healthful for the children. I know mine are out all the time, and in the summer we have a tent and they sleep in it from April until November. I suppose, if it was necessary, they could sleep out all winter here, as our winters are not very severe, but we have quite a lot of wind. Thirty below zero is the coldest we have had this winter, and that was only for two days, otherwise we have had a very mild winter. I suppose most of the members will be busy with setting hens and looking after young chickens now. I keep hens, turkeys and geese here, and have very good luck with them all. My letter is getting too long, so, wishing success to the Mothers' Number, I remain,
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The more experience I have, the more I feel that we should give our girls special training in housekeeping and home making, besides an equipment of sterling character, courage, and health; all of which are needed in a woman's life business. So often we are taught our lifework by being thrown into it and left to shift for ourselves, as a dog is taught to swim. When I see references to the noble pioneer women, who have toiled and suffered, my bosom swells with pride that I am one of that noble band, but had I been trained to an intimate knowledge of housekeeping I'm sure I would never have toiled and suffered so much, neither would one noble pioneer man; this is taking into consideration the handicaps of a new country, where we seem so often like the Israelites, compelled to make bricks without straw.

I think my daughters will have as much knowledge as I can give them, and can afford to pay for, of the correct, and therefore the easiest and most economical method, of doing the work that falls to the lot of the average housekeeper and mother. I shall try to give them a feeling of reverence for the noblest occupation of womankind, that of making a home, with all the duties it includes. Their training must be built on a sound mind, in a sound body, for on the health depends one's outlook on life, and the courage to take up duties which must many times be burdensome in the extreme. Health, I firmly believe, is largely a matter of training in right habits of living.

I do not for a moment believe that we can secure for ourselves or anyone else an untroubled life, but we may set our children's feet in the way of success, which we ourselves may, perhaps, have won at too high a cost.

A WOMAN GRAIN GROWER.

DON'T BE SLAVES

Mothers, why thru your great and natural love for your baby, do you allow it to play the tyrant over you? Your baby scratches your face, pulls your hair, and beats its arms until it gets what it wants. When it gets what it wants it wants more, and there is more scratching, pulling and beating. You all but ruin its character by pampering its every whim. In the foolish idea that you are doing your "duty" you consent to pick the ball up from the floor sixty times a minute for him to throw down again. And "Bless his little soul, if he is going to cry like that, he shall have the other half of the banana"—which, of course, he should not have at all.

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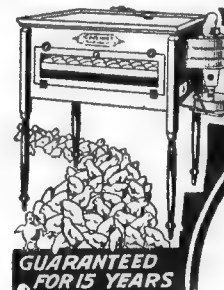
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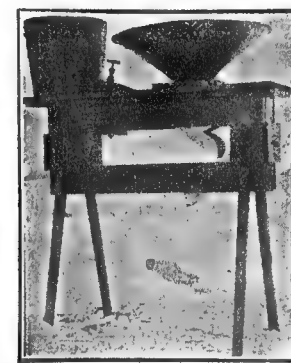
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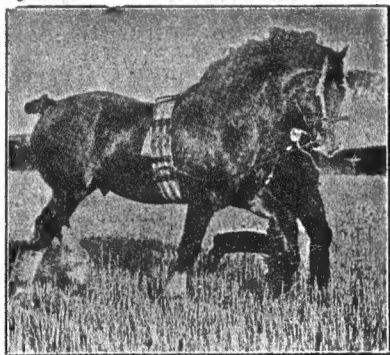
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A. and G. Mutch, of Lumsden, Sask., the well known Clydesdale men, are offering some good bargains in horses for the next thirty days. Owing to lack of stabling room, they have got to dispose of, immediately, 10 young stallions rising two years old, and 14 from three years old up to six. The quality of the Clydesdales from the Craigie Mains stud at Lumsden is well known, and the proprietors have a reputation of being equally successful in the show ring as on the road. The horses are all sired by the best blood in Scotland and Canada. They are also thoroughly acclimatized, are all young, and have a lifetime of usefulness before them. They all have good constitutions, have lots of substance and quality. They are to be sold, regardless of profit, and this is a good chance for anyone desiring a high-class stallion. Liberal terms will be offered.

STANLEY'S PERCHERONS

R. P. Stanley, of Moosomin, Sask., is too well known in the Percheron world of the West for the high-class quality of horses which he keeps, to need any recommendation here. A short time ago he had a new importation of 20 head, brought in from the other side of the line, and at present, in his stables at Moosomin, are some thirty head of stal-

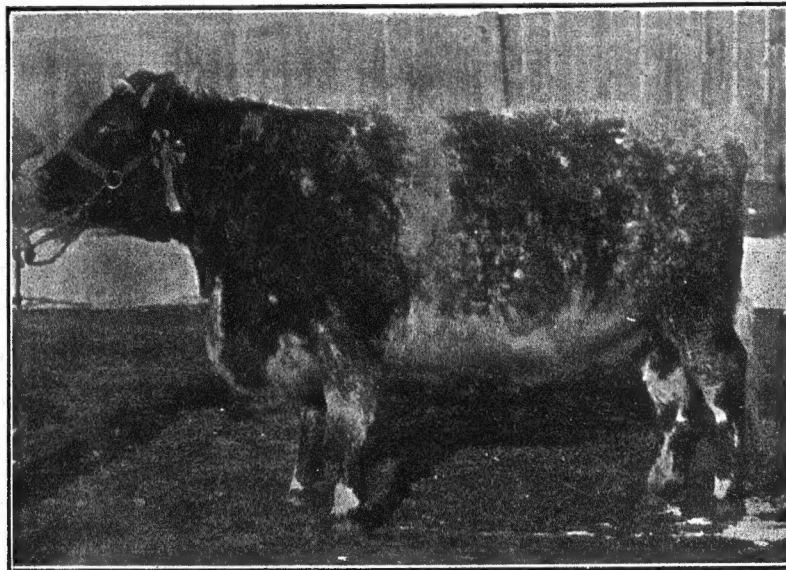
quality of the offering, and there are others just as good at the home stables. The horses are all young and sound, and Mr. Hassard's prices are right and his terms are liberal. This is a good opportunity to get a stallion or a team of mares.

HIGH CLASS STOCK FOR GLEN RANCH

J. C. Drewry, of the Glen Ranch, Cowley, Alberta, has just returned from an extensive trip to the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois, where he bought 12 head of pure-bred Percheron horses. The purchases included a young stallion rising two years old, imported from France last year, and said to be the best that left that country in 1913. He is grey and turns the scales at 1,750 pounds, and is wonderfully good all over, with good action, and easy going. In the lot bought from W. S. Corsa, Illinois, are two young stallions sired by the world's champion "Carnot," which should be a success at the Glen Ranch. Mr. Drewry reports good business in class horses, having sold more in the few months of this year than during the whole of 1913. The demand for good stock, both horses and cattle, is increasing.

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HASSARD'S CLYDESDALES, PERCHERONS AND SHIRES

Dr. F. J. Hassard, of Deloraine, Manitoba, the well known Manitoba horseman, has sold his barn at Deloraine, and has now some 20 head of stallions and mares to get rid of, regardless of profit, before May 1. A number of these stallions were among the prize winners at Brandon Fair, and many readers of The Guide will thus be well acquainted with the class and

Farm, Arcola, Sask., is offering a fine bunch of 90 head of choicely bred stallions and mares, all ages, and among them are included four stallions and ten two-year-old colts, by such well-known sires as "Perpetual Motion," "Baron of Arcola," "Revelanta's Heir," "Baron Romuo," and others. The Doune Lodge Clydesdales have for many years been well known in the prize rings at our Western Canadian fairs, and their quality and high-class breeding are well known. Mr. Bryce's reputation as a Clydesdale man need not be entered into here; he has always gone after the best that money could buy, and is careful to see that while he gets lots of quality and substance, he has also plenty of size. Good terms will be offered to prospective purchasers, and this is a good opportunity to get a good stallion or a bunch of high class mares to form foundation stock, at a reasonable figure.

CALGARY SPRING SHOW

Arrangements are progressing favorably for the Live Stock Association's Shows, to be held at Calgary, April 14 to 18. The catalog for the auction sale of bulls, containing 209 entries, is now ready for distribution, and entries for the horse show closed on March 28. The usual exhibition rates will apply on the railroads for the shipment of stock to the show, that is, full single fare to the show and free return.

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ARTICLE IV.

My last article supplied two reasons in favor of a declaration of our sovereignty—(1) That it would be a declaration of mere fact, and (2) that that fact is admitted and accepted by British statesmen. But you ask, what are the benefits which may be expected to ensue? I am always disappointed when I am asked what I am going to get out of some act that my self-respect requires of me, but I offer the following answers:—

(3) Defence—The advantage with respect to the question of defence is very important. I have already indicated my view upon that point.

International Conferences

(4) Canada's admission to The Hague and other international conferences would follow upon her recognition as an international unit. Questions of the greatest importance to us were discussed at the two meetings at The Hague—questions upon which we should almost certainly have found our views in conflict with those of the United Kingdom, for example, on the extremely important question of the immunity of merchant vessels from capture in time of war. We have more right to a voice at these meetings than have Venezuela, Costa Rica or other such States.

(5) Education.—Whenever I go to England, I am struck with the fact that not only men but women, and even some of the girls, can discuss political questions with which most of our Canadian men are unfamiliar. A short time ago a gentleman, to whom I was explaining some of the proceedings of the second Hague conference, asked me why we heard so little about those things; and I replied that it was because, having no international standing, we sent no representatives there. Had some of our leading men been among the 256 members sent by forty-four states, our newspapers would have followed them, and told us what happened. Our international education would have commenced.

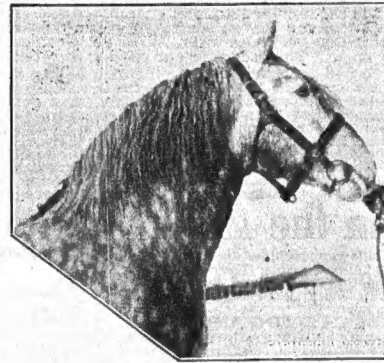
Clear Thinking

(6) Definition of our constitutional position would conduce to clear thinking on such extremely important questions as that of naval policy. For example, an argument often heard is "Canada is part of the British Empire, and must, therefore, take her share of the responsibility for naval defence." Men who speak that way have, of course, no idea that, as Lord Milner says, the word "empire" is a "misnomer"—a "very unfortunate misnomer." In ordinary conversation the use of the word empire would be unobjectionable but for the fact that it aids the perpetuation of misunderstanding, and leads many people to draw deductions from untenable premises. So long as we are in theory part of the Empire and in fact not part of it, we cannot hope for clear thinking upon subjects associated with our relationship.

Removal of Embarrassments

(7) Another benefit would be the removal of the embarrassments and incongruities which necessarily attend our present anomalous situation. We legislate against the admission to our country of British subjects—not only Hindus but Englishmen. Our only justification, however, is that we are not a part of the Empire; that we are self-governing, and that we have, therefore, a right to forbid entrance to British subjects. Had any of the Roman provinces shut its gates against a Roman citizen, it would soon have learned the meaning of *Civis Romanus sum*. But if an immigrant pleads to us his British citizenship, our reply is that we are a self-governing community. It is the United Kingdom and not Canada that, in this respect, specially suffers from the incongruity. India is, at this very moment, protesting against exclusion of Hindus, and the British government can make but the unsatisfactory reply that Canada and the other places are, in fact, self-governing communities.

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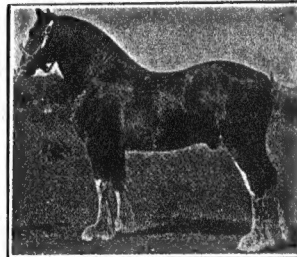
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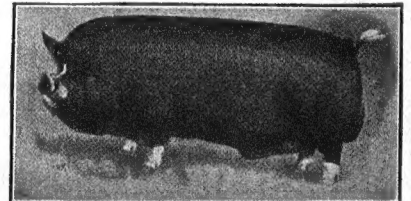
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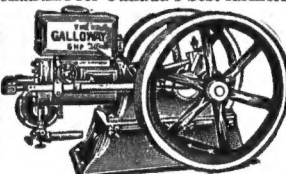
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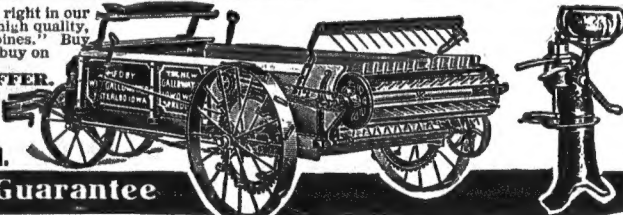
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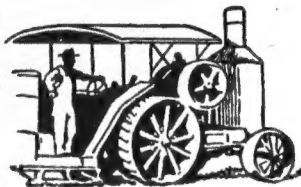
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Indians may be pardoned for not appreciating the difference between British control over us in theory, and no control over us in fact, for very many Canadians have the same difficulty. Were our sovereignty proclaimed and acknowledged, the irresponsibility of the British government for our actions would be apparent to everybody, and the Indians would have no cause of complaint against the United Kingdom.

Self-Respect

(8) The last benefit which I shall mention is, to me, much the strongest. It is that self-respect forbids our refusal to assume the duties and responsibilities of nationhood. It is not well for a man—well for his moral nature—that he should be a boy all his life. And it is not well for a nation that it should continue to be a colony. I think that I speak for most Canadians when I say that we resent being called a "colony." It offends our self-respect. That is good. But just as a man's self-respect is faulty if it is satisfied with the declaration that he is not a boy, so Canada cannot be content with the assertion—even the very violent assertion—that she is not a colony. The man must assert his manhood, and the nation its nationhood. Let me read to you, in this connection, the language of the two of our most prominent Imperialists. A good many years ago, Dr. Parkin said:—

"If the greater British colonies are permanently content with their present political status, they are unworthy of the source from which they sprang."

Are We Content?

Well, here we are still. Are we content? Have Canadians any self-respect? Or are they really "unworthy of the source from which they sprang." In similar strain, Professor Leacock has said:—

"The Colonial status is a worn-out, by-gone thing. The sense and feeling of it has become harmful to us. It limits the ideas, and circumscribes the patriotism of our people. It impairs the mental vigor and narrows the outlook of those who are reared and educated in our midst."

If this Colonial status is, as we all feel, a worn-out and by-gone thing, shall we not take it off and lay it aside? I have shown you that the old land is ready, perfectly ready for our full enfranchisement. She would gladly celebrate our coming of age, and would, "with pride and rejoicing," as Mr. Bulfour has said, welcome us to political equality with herself. Her statesmen encourage us in our just and natural aspirations, for they understand better than most of our own people that independence is already ours, and that its acknowledgement would be but the recognition of undoubted, of admitted, and to us, most creditable fact.

NOTE.—This is the last of the series of articles written for The Guide by John S. Ewart, K.C. For the purpose of assisting in the accomplishment of Mr. Ewart's proposal, he is anxious that "Kingdom Clubs" should be formed in every place in Canada. He asks, at present, no effort beyond that involved in the collection of names of sympathizers, and names of persons to whom it would be advisable to send copies of The Kingdom Papers. The larger Clubs may feel disposed to engage at once in greater activity—in fact, some of them are already at work. So much the better. Much has to be done. Canadians do not quite understand their constitutional position. Centres of influence and education are needed. If you are a sympathizer, will you be good enough to send your name and address to John S. Ewart, K.C., Ottawa.

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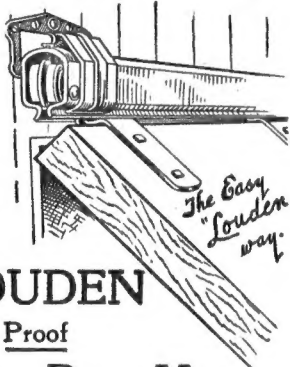
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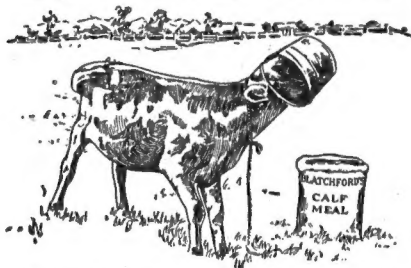
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clared, "and I got forty dollars left. Let's you and me go over to the county seat and git married quiet like some day. If we git found out, my forty'll keep us till them divy-dends comes in. Let's go next Monday!"

"It don't seem right cautious," objected aunty. "Better wait till the money is right here in our pocket."

But Aunty Purvis's desire ran with grandpa's urging, so it was not difficult to overpersuade her; and the following Monday saw them united in the bonds of matrimony, after promises of secrecy wrung from license clerk and minister. There in the pastor's back parlor, under the hanging lamp with the glass pendants, the old man kissed his bride shyly and called her wife.

Let it not be thought that Martha's uneasiness regarding grandpa's constant visits to Aunty Purvis was lessened by time; rather it was sharpened, and became more apparent to the old man. To him it seemed as if he were a straying rooster, and she were always trying to shoo him back into his own yard. But still he visited his wife daily, and his heart was young with autumnal romance.

James Papkin opened the conversation one evening when the promised day was distant but a week.

"Father, I been thinkin' about buyin' the Hillger eighty that lays next to my place."

"Um!" calculated grandpa. "Likely farm. How much does Hillger ask?"

"Twenty-three hundred."

"It's wuth it—every cent."

"I got twelve hundred cash. Now you got consid'able into the bank payin' you four per cent. Why not loan it to me on a mortgage? I'll give you six."

Grandpa was confounded. He coughed, he tugged nervously at his beard, he avoided his son's eye.

"Why, Jimmy," he stammered, "I'd be glad to loan it to you. Nobody I'd loan it to sooner! But—er—but, Jimmy, I ain't got no money into the bank."

"Ain't got no money into the bank!"

Grandpa shook his head.

"What you done with it?" James demanded sharply.

"Now, Jimmy," grandpa expostulated,

"there ain't no call for you to git mad. It was my money. I earned it—"

"I ain't disputin' thet, but what I want to know is what in thunder you gone and done with it!"

"Invested it."

"Invested it! When? What into?"

"Nigh onto six months ago. It's in the auty-mobile manufacturin' business, and it's prob'ly a goin' to earn me more'n five hundred a year divy-dends."

James sat back in his chair, too smitten with astonishment, too filled with anger, for words. Then his back stiffened, and he faced his father, his face working.

"It was that slick feller with the silk socks!" he shouted. "That's who it was! He come here and done you out o' your money, that's what he done, and you went and give him more'n a thousand dollars just like a country jay, that's what you done! I should have listened to Marthy. She said you was gittin' childish and needed lookin' after. You oughter have a guardeen, that's what. The idee! Throwin' all that good money to a sharper to buy di'monds and silk socks with!"

"Now, Jimmy," grandpa broke in nervously, "it ain't lost. Them divy-dends is goin' to begin comin' in a week, and Mary and me—"

He checked himself, realizing that he was making another and a still more damaging confession; but it was too late.

"Mary and you! Mary and you what?"

"It'll be enough for us to live on," said grandpa simply.

"Did you reckon you and that old woman was a goin' to marry?" James's voice was bitterly ironical.

"I reckon, James, that you ain't speakin' right to your father. That ain't no tone to use. And, James, I don't reckon we're goin' to marry, 'cause, James, we been married nigh a month."

James gazed.

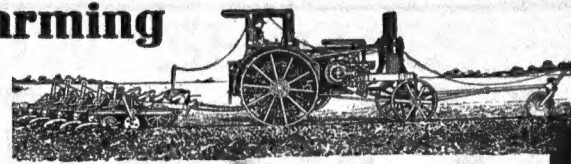
"And who do you reckon is goin' to support you and her? Ain't I got enough on my hands to look after my own fam'ly and you, without havin' another crowded in? Ain't I?"

"I guess you have, James; but Mary and me ain't goin' to be crowded in. We'll have our own house and our own money. We shan't be beholdin' to nobody. Our divy-dends'll be comin' in a week."

James stamped from the room, pale with

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